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TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

Starring the
NEW MUTANTS

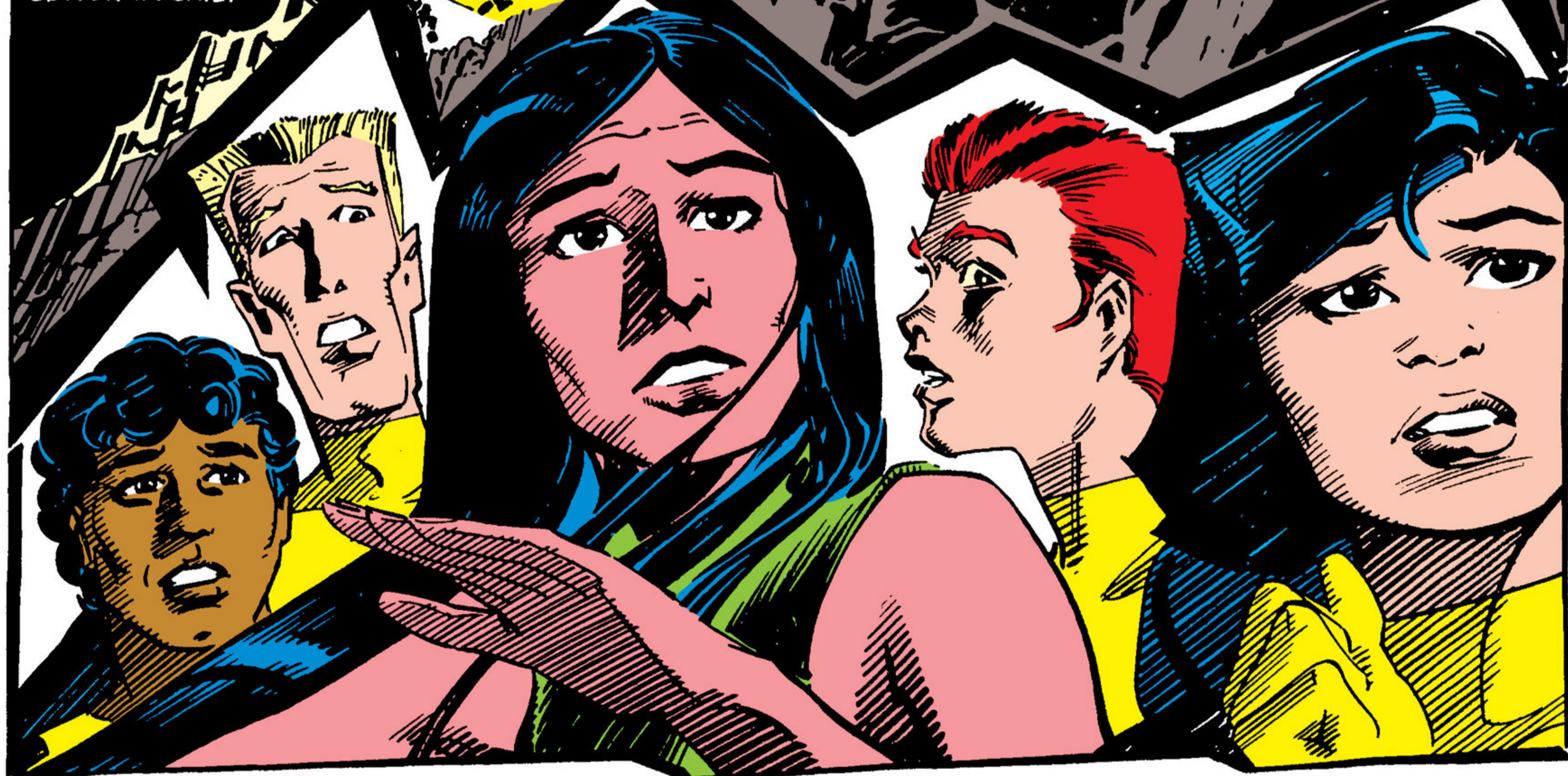
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BIG SUR, CALIFORNIA--
THE PAST...

WITH THE TOUCH
OF A BUTTON,
VIPER'S BOOBY-
TRAPPED ESTATE--
PERCHED ON A
CLIFF-TOP
OVERLOOKING
THE PACIFIC
OCEAN--

--BLEW SKY-
HIGH!

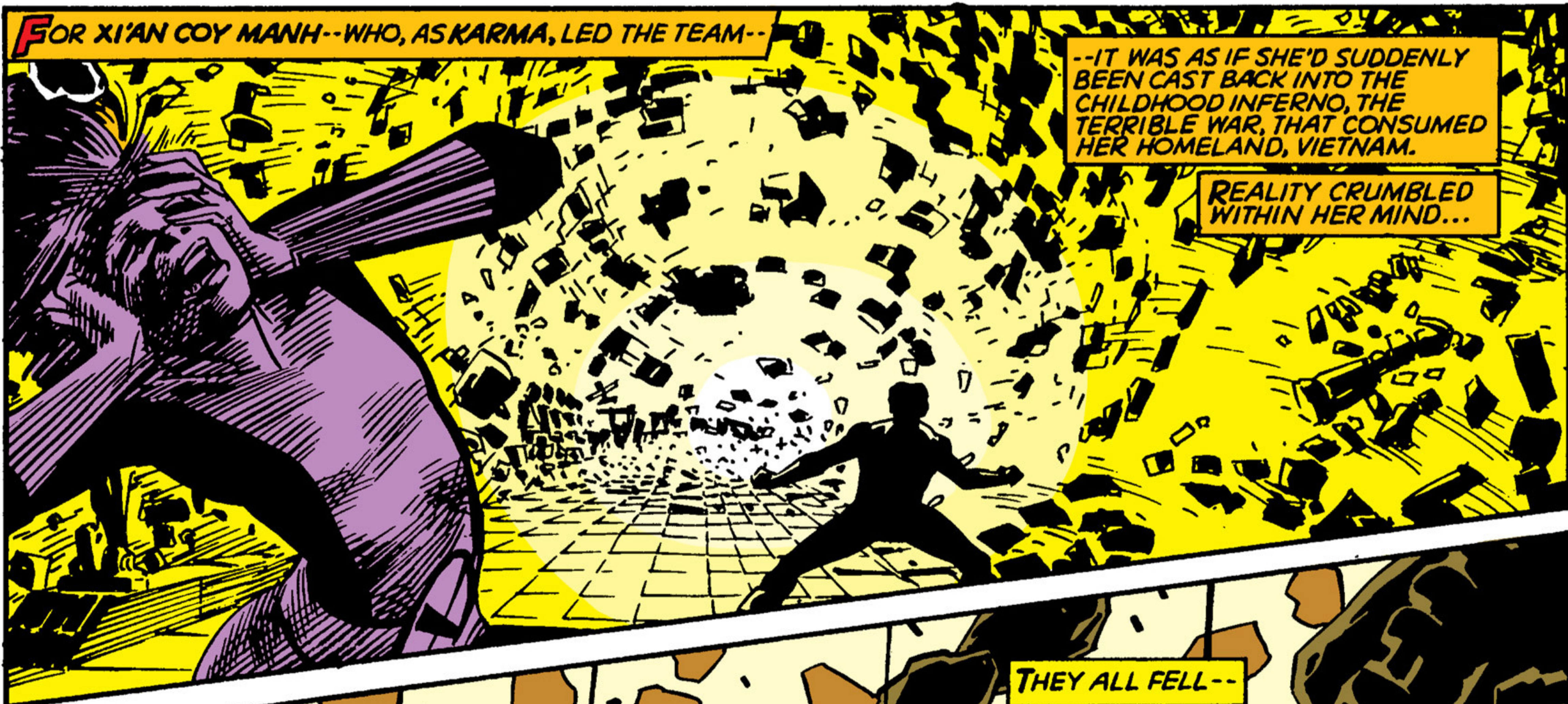
THE NEW MUTANTS
HAD COME TO RESCUE
A KIDNAPPED TEAM-
MATE. VIPER MEANT
TO SEE THE ATTEMPT
COST THEIR YOUNG
LIVES.



FOR XI'AN COY MANH--WHO, AS KARMA, LED THE TEAM--

--IT WAS AS IF SHE'D SUDDENLY BEEN CAST BACK INTO THE CHILDHOOD INFERNO, THE TERRIBLE WAR, THAT CONSUMED HER HOMELAND, VIETNAM.

REALITY CRUMBLLED WITHIN HER MIND...

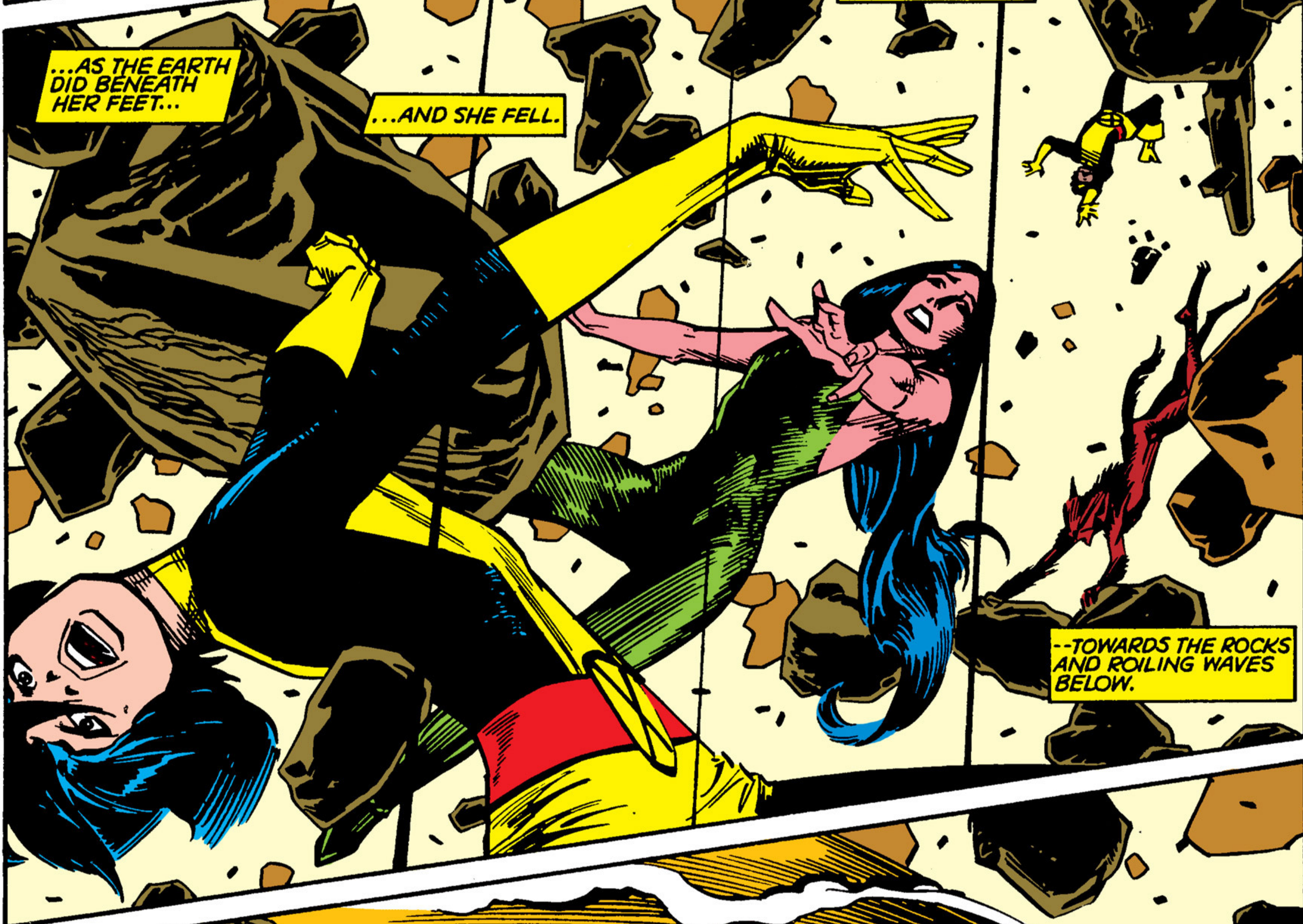


THEY ALL FELL--

...AS THE EARTH DID BENEATH HER FEET...

...AND SHE FELL.

--TOWARDS THE ROCKS AND ROILING WAVES BELOW.

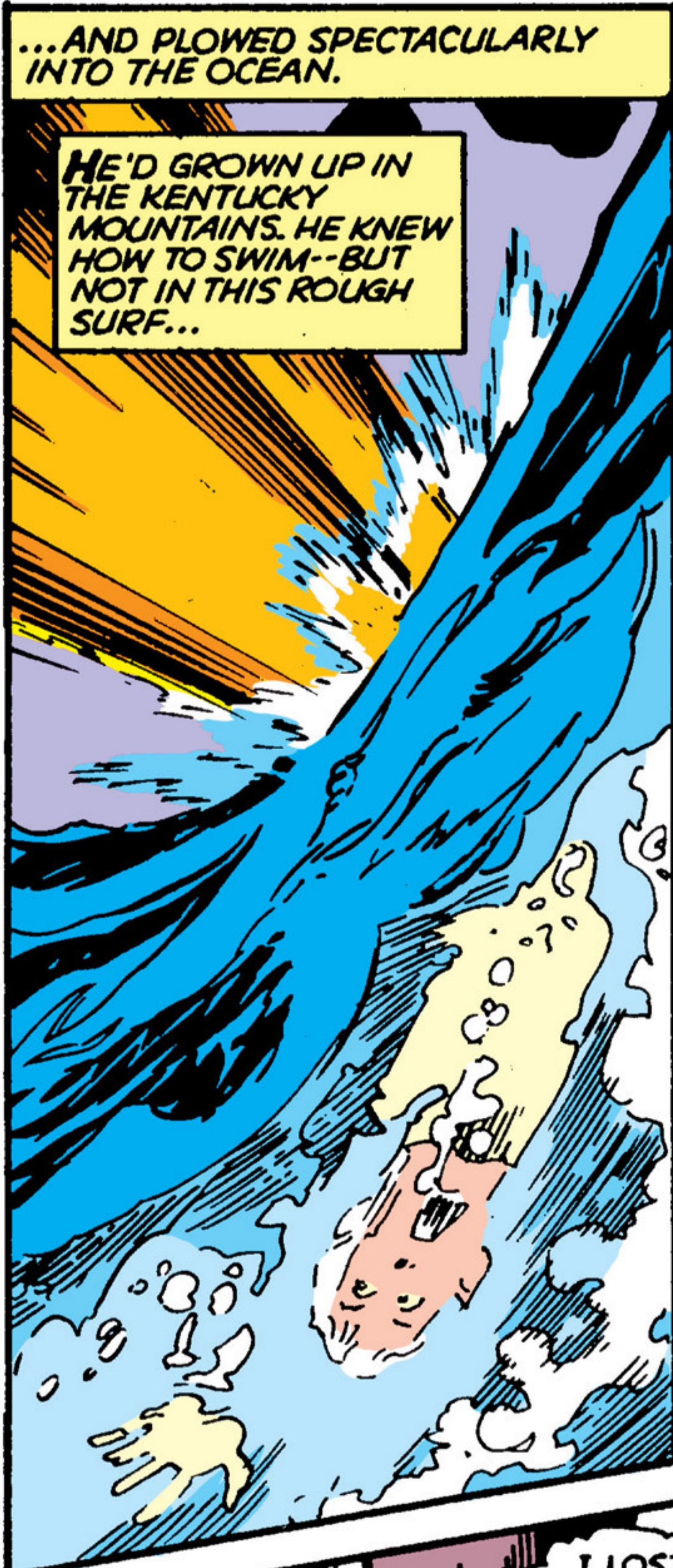


SAM GUTHRIE IGNITED HIS POWER--FIGURING HE'D GATHER EVERYONE UP AND CANNONBALL THEM THROUGH THE AVALANCE TO SAFETY.

BUT THE EXPLOSION--COMBINED WITH THE NIGHTTIME DARKNESS--HAD SO DISORIENTED HIM THAT HE COULDN'T TELL UP FROM DOWN.

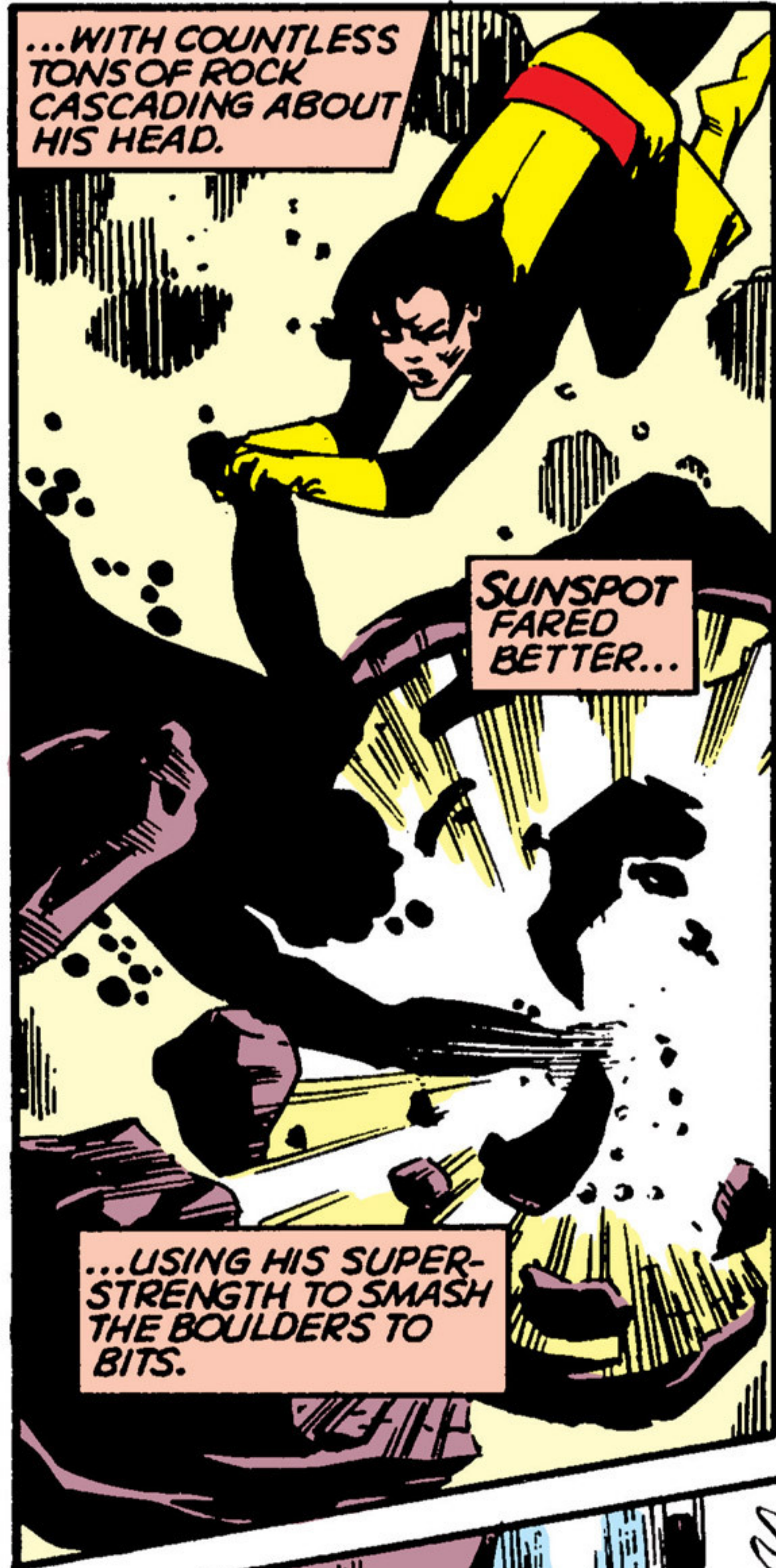
OFF-BALANCE, HE MISSED HIS GRAB AT XI'AN...





...AND PLOWED SPECTACULARLY INTO THE OCEAN.

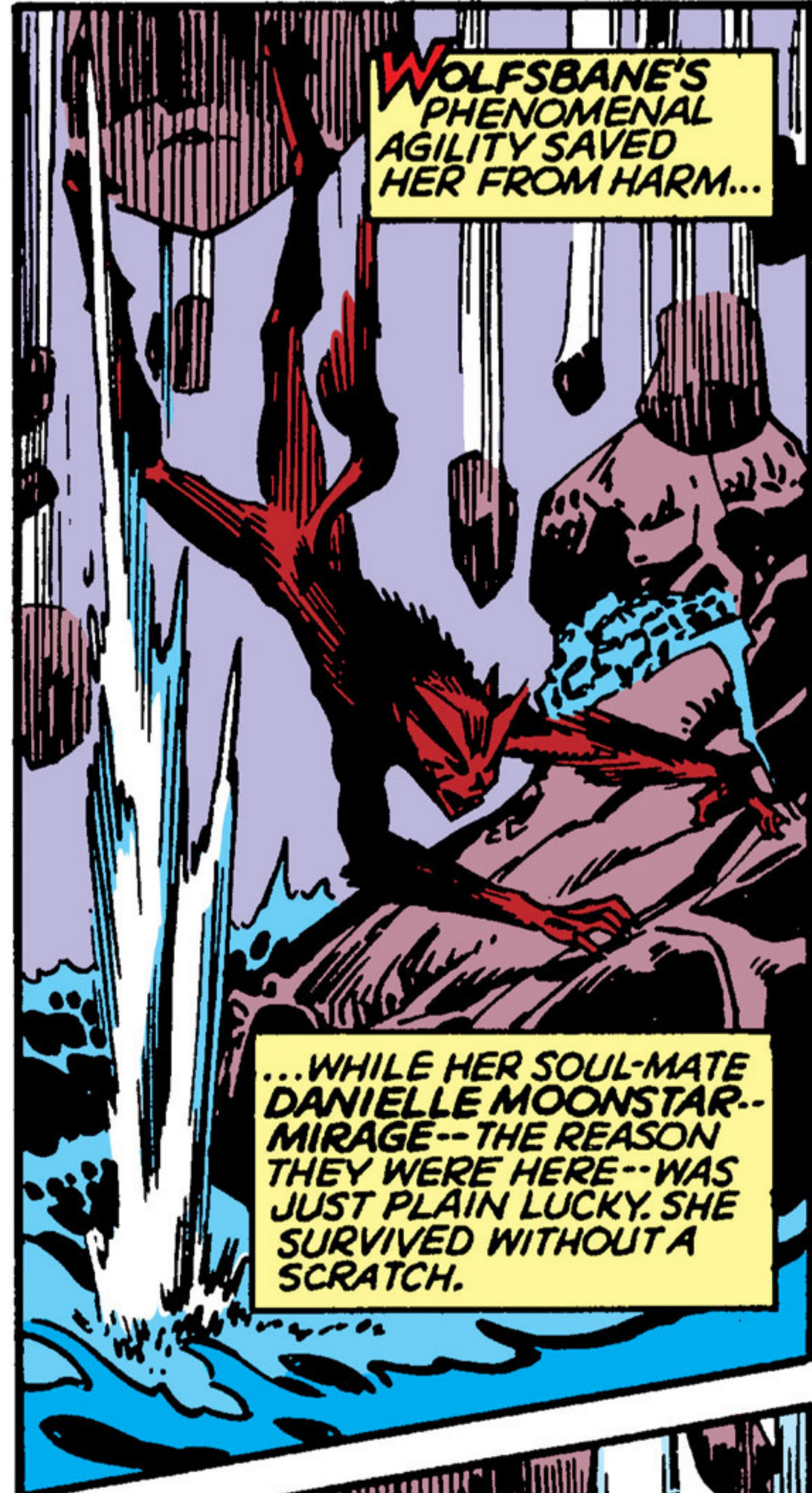
HE'D GROWN UP IN THE KENTUCKY MOUNTAINS. HE KNEW HOW TO SWIM--BUT NOT IN THIS ROUGH SURF...



...WITH COUNTLESS TONS OF ROCK CASCADING ABOUT HIS HEAD.

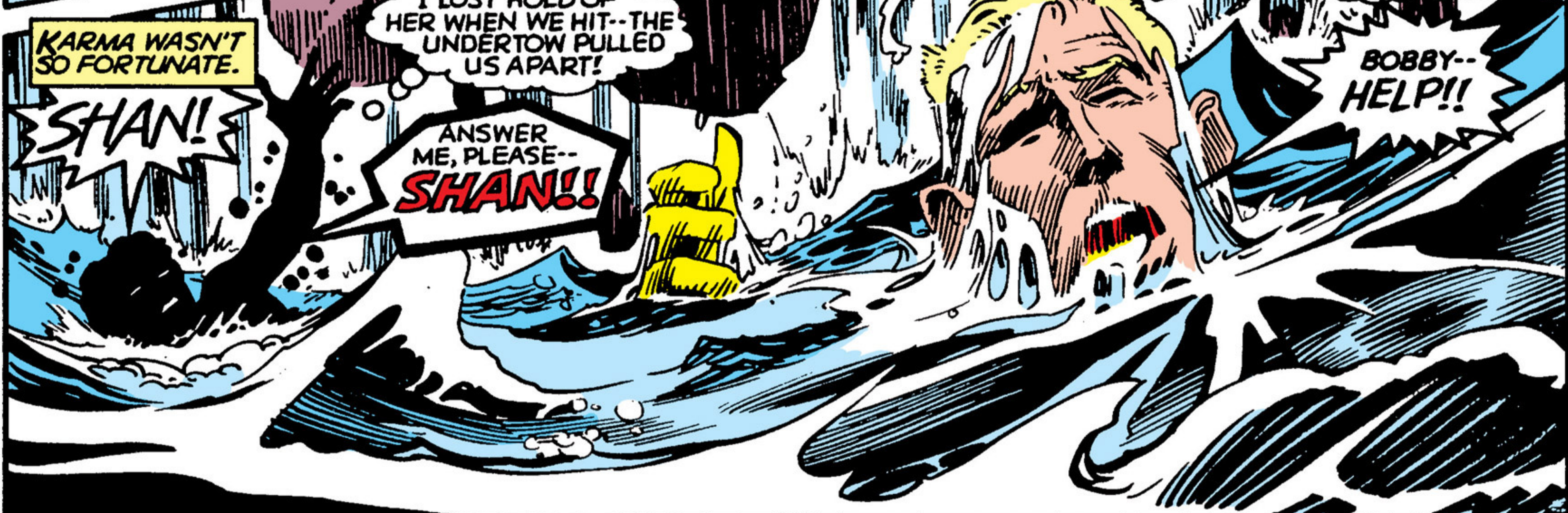
SUNSPOT FARED BETTER...

...USING HIS SUPER-STRENGTH TO SMASH THE BOULDERS TO BITS.



WOLFSBANE'S PHENOMENAL AGILITY SAVED HER FROM HARM...

...WHILE HER SOUL-MATE DANIELLE MOONSTAR--MIRAGE--THE REASON THEY WERE HERE--WAS JUST PLAIN LUCKY. SHE SURVIVED WITHOUT A SCRATCH.



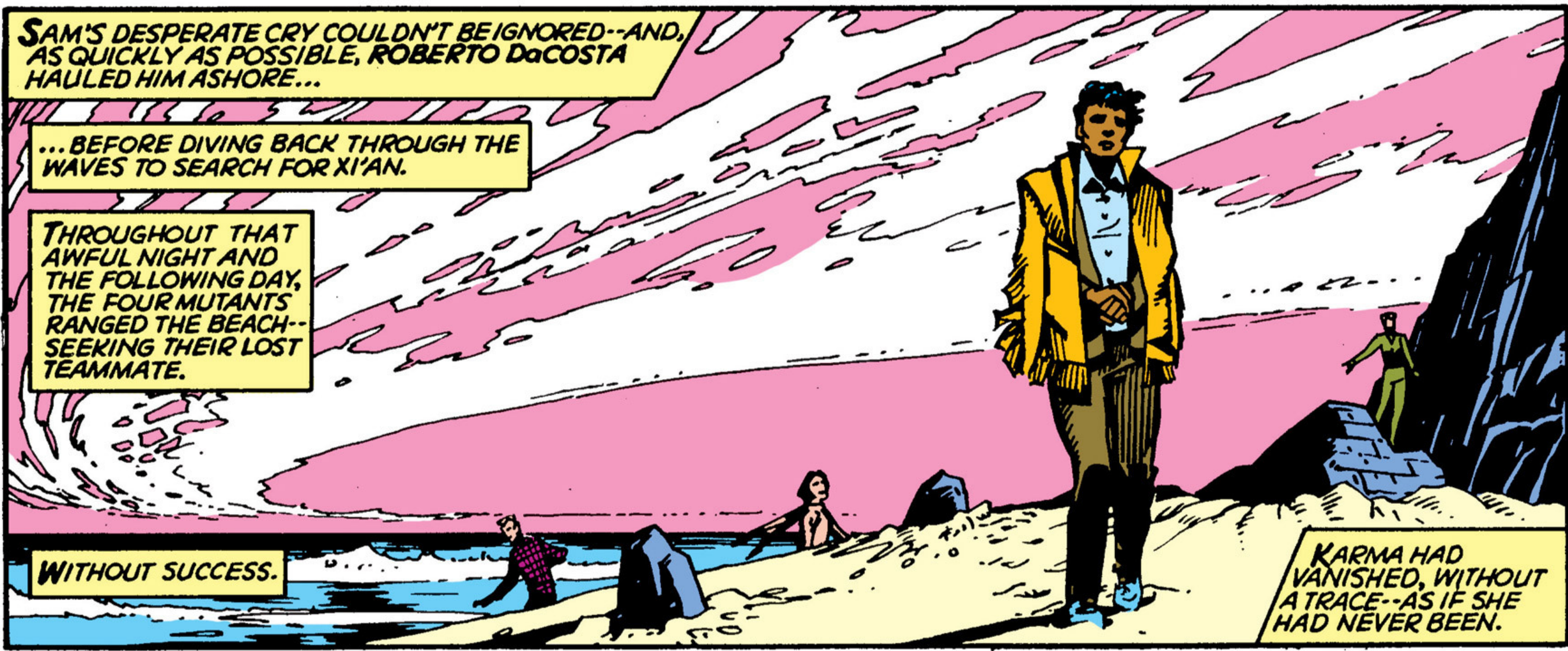
KARMA WASN'T SO FORTUNATE.

I LOST HOLD OF HER WHEN WE HIT--THE UNDERTOW PULLED US APART!

ANSWER ME, PLEASE--
SHAN!!

C-CAN'T STAY AFLOAT--SWALLOWED TOO MUCH WATER, SALT'S MAKIN' ME SICK--TRYIN' TO BLAST, BUT...

BOBBY--
HELP!!



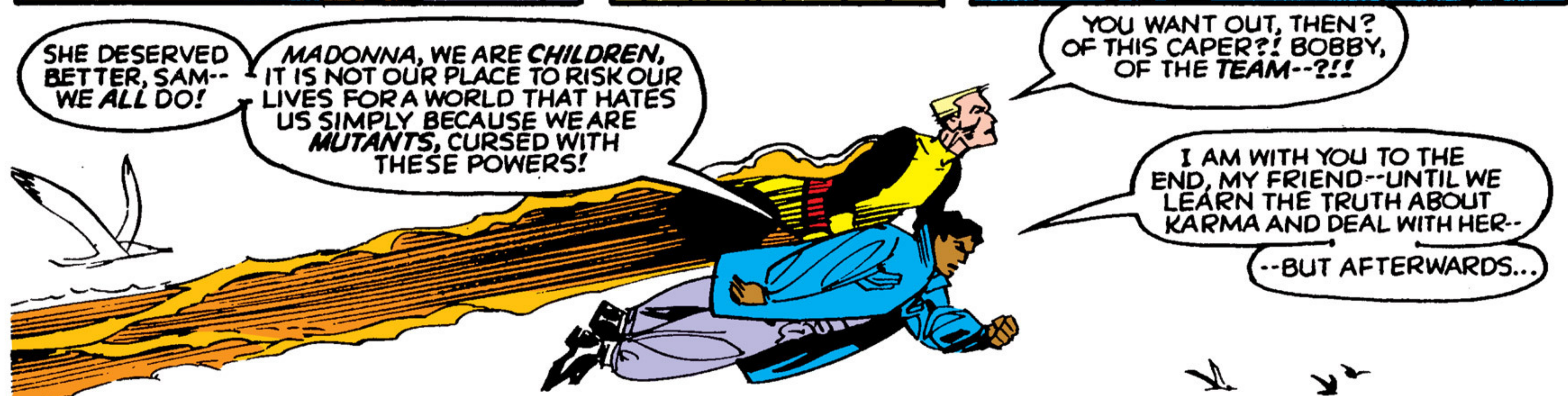
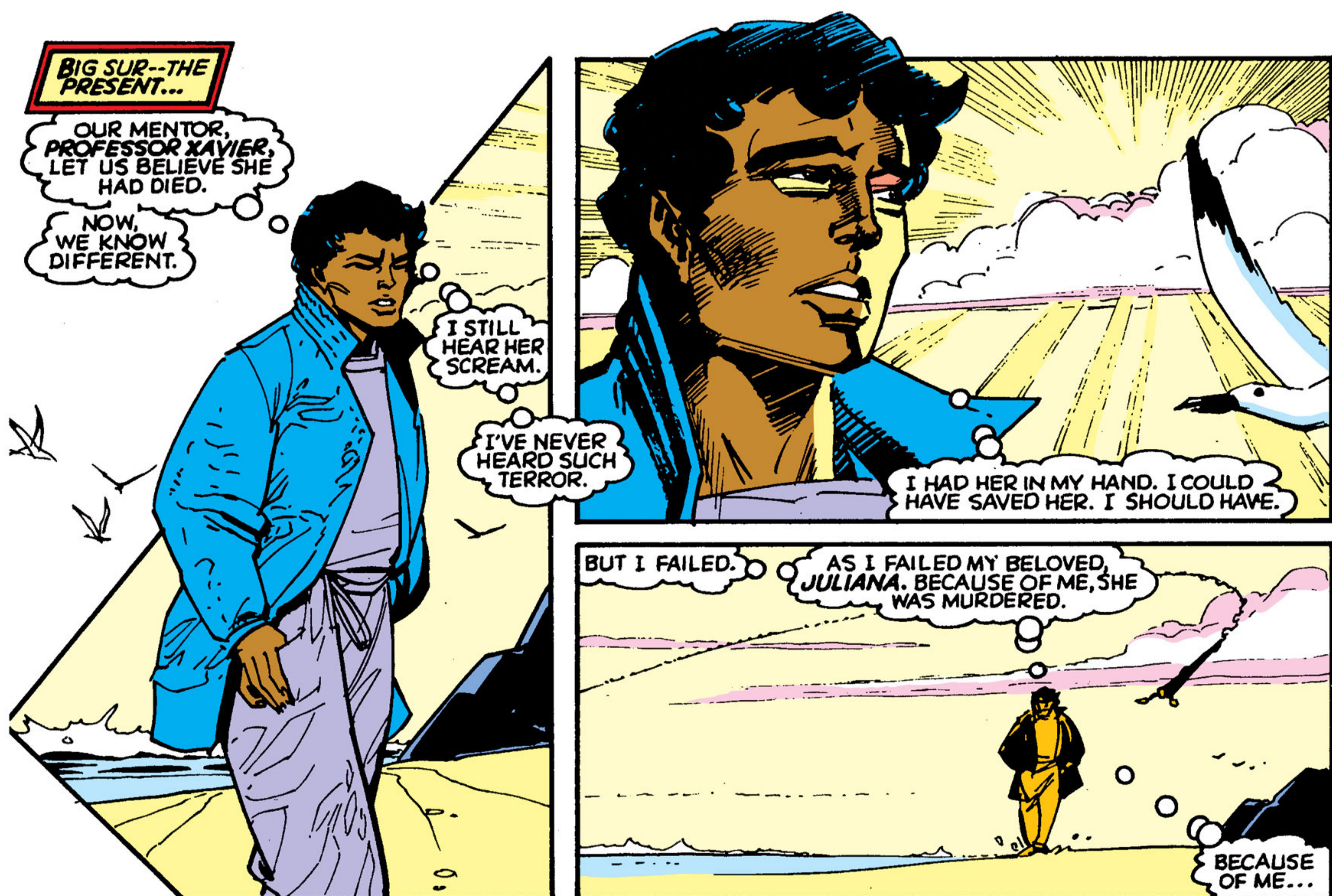
SAM'S DESPERATE CRY COULDN'T BE IGNORED--AND, AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, ROBERTO DaCOSTA HAULED HIM ASHORE...

... BEFORE DIVING BACK THROUGH THE WAVES TO SEARCH FOR XI'AN.

THROUGHOUT THAT AWFUL NIGHT AND THE FOLLOWING DAY, THE FOUR MUTANTS RANGED THE BEACH--SEEKING THEIR LOST TEAMMATE.

WITHOUT SUCCESS.

KARMA HAD VANISHED, WITHOUT A TRACE--AS IF SHE HAD NEVER BEEN.



A DAY OR SO LATER...

...FAR TO THE WEST...

...THE EIGHT YOUNGSTERS WHO CURRENTLY COMPRISE THE NEW MUTANTS GATHER FOR A COUNCIL OF WAR.

Y'KNOW, DANI, THE PROF'S PROBABLY GONNA KILL US WHEN HE GETS THE BILL FOR THIS.

MOST LIKELY, SAM.

AH DIDN'T FIGURE ON THINGS COSTIN' SO MUCH.

ISN'T OUR FRIEND WORTH IT, SAM?!

BACK OFF, BOBBY-- AH DIDN'T SAY THAT!

KEEP IT DOWN, GUYS! WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE ASLEEP!

HOW'RE YOU DOING, DOUG? GOT ANYTHING?

COULD BE, ILLYANA. WE KNOW KARMA RAN THE GLADIATORS OUTFIT THAT YOU, BOBBY, SAM AND AMARA TANGLED WITH.

TAKATAKATAKABREEP!

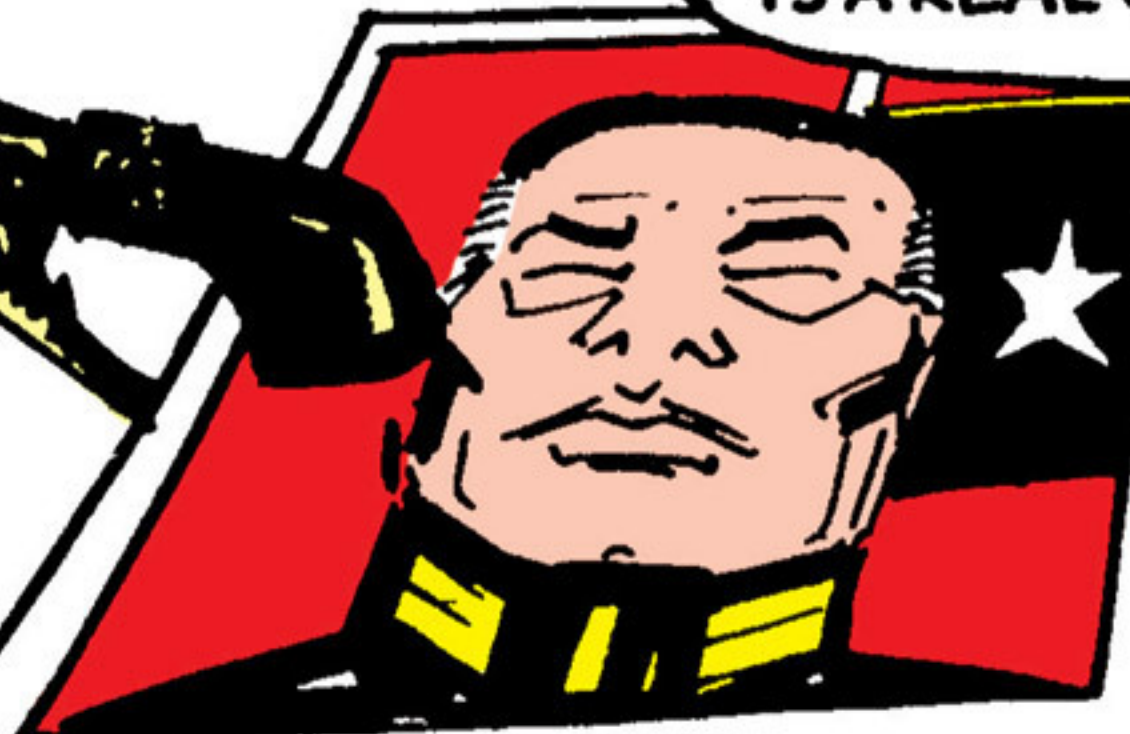
AND THAT SHE FRAMED HER CRIME-BOSS UNCLE, NGUYEN NGOC COY, SO THAT HE TOOK THE RAP FOR EVERYTHING SHE DID.

PITY FINDING HER WILL CLEAR HIM, JAIL'S WHERE HE BELONGS--THE MAN IS A REAL CREEP!

SO. ANYWAY, HE CLAIMS TO BE EQUALLY ASTOUNDED BY KARMA'S TRANSFORMATION. SAYS HE HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH IT, HASN'T EVEN SEEN HER IN MONTHS.

FORTUNATELY, THERE AREN'T MANY PEOPLE OF KARMA'S SIZE--AND WITH HER VERY NASTY HABITS--

--USING VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL COMPUTER NETWORKS, PLUS THE CONTACTS COY GAVE US, I THINK I'VE MANAGED TO TRACK HER DOWN.



GENERAL COY



VIPER



XI'AN COY MANH

DOUG--EVERYONE-- SHOULD THIS TASK NA' BE BETTER LEFT TO THE X-MEN? PROFESSOR XAVIER'S OUR TEACHER! WE OWE HIM...

NOTHING, RAHNE!

HE IS A TELEPATH--HE MUST HAVE KNOWN FROM THE FIRST THAT KARMA STILL LIVED, BUT HE NEVER TOLD US!

IF THAT'S TRUE, BOBBY...

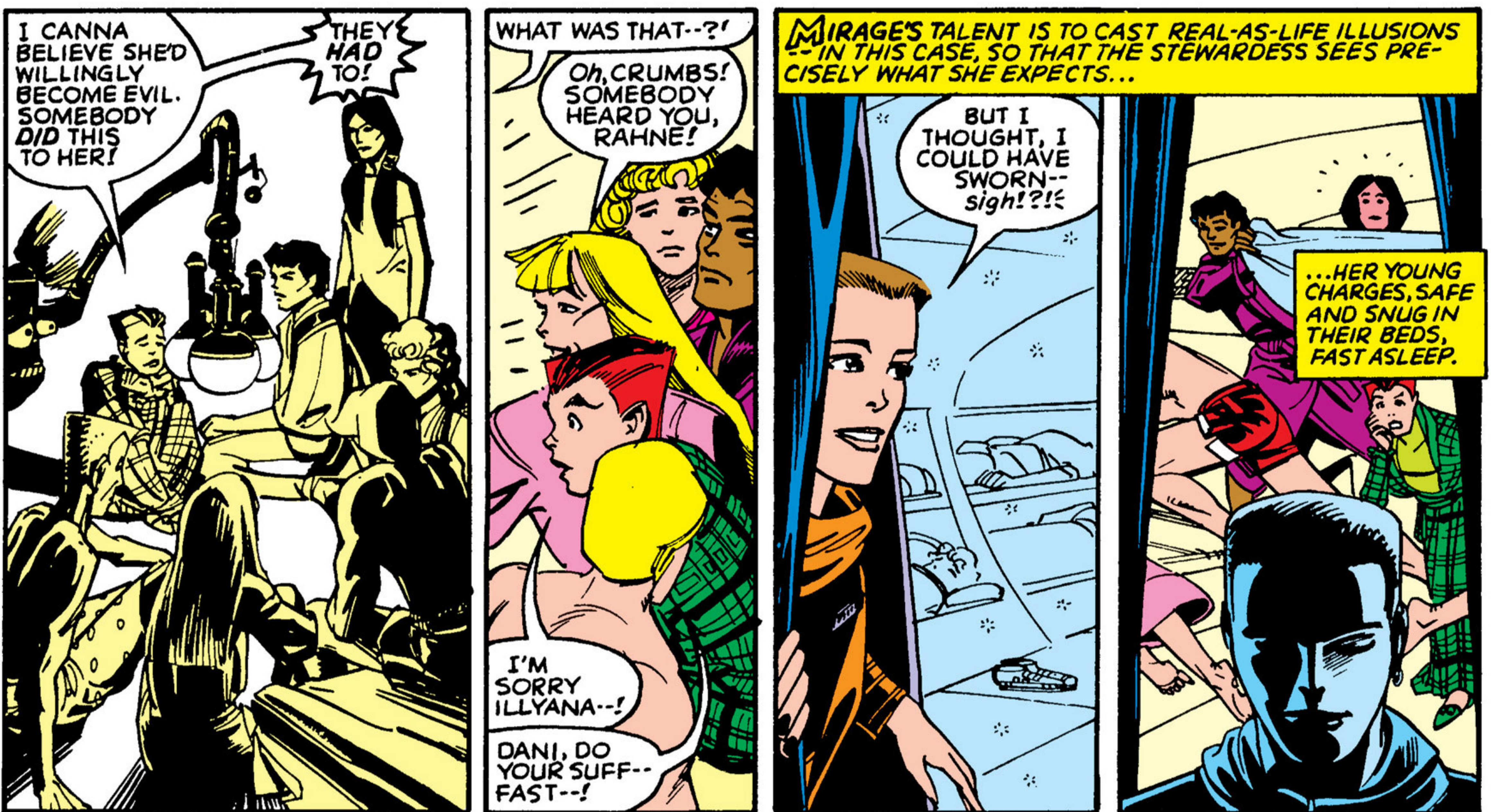
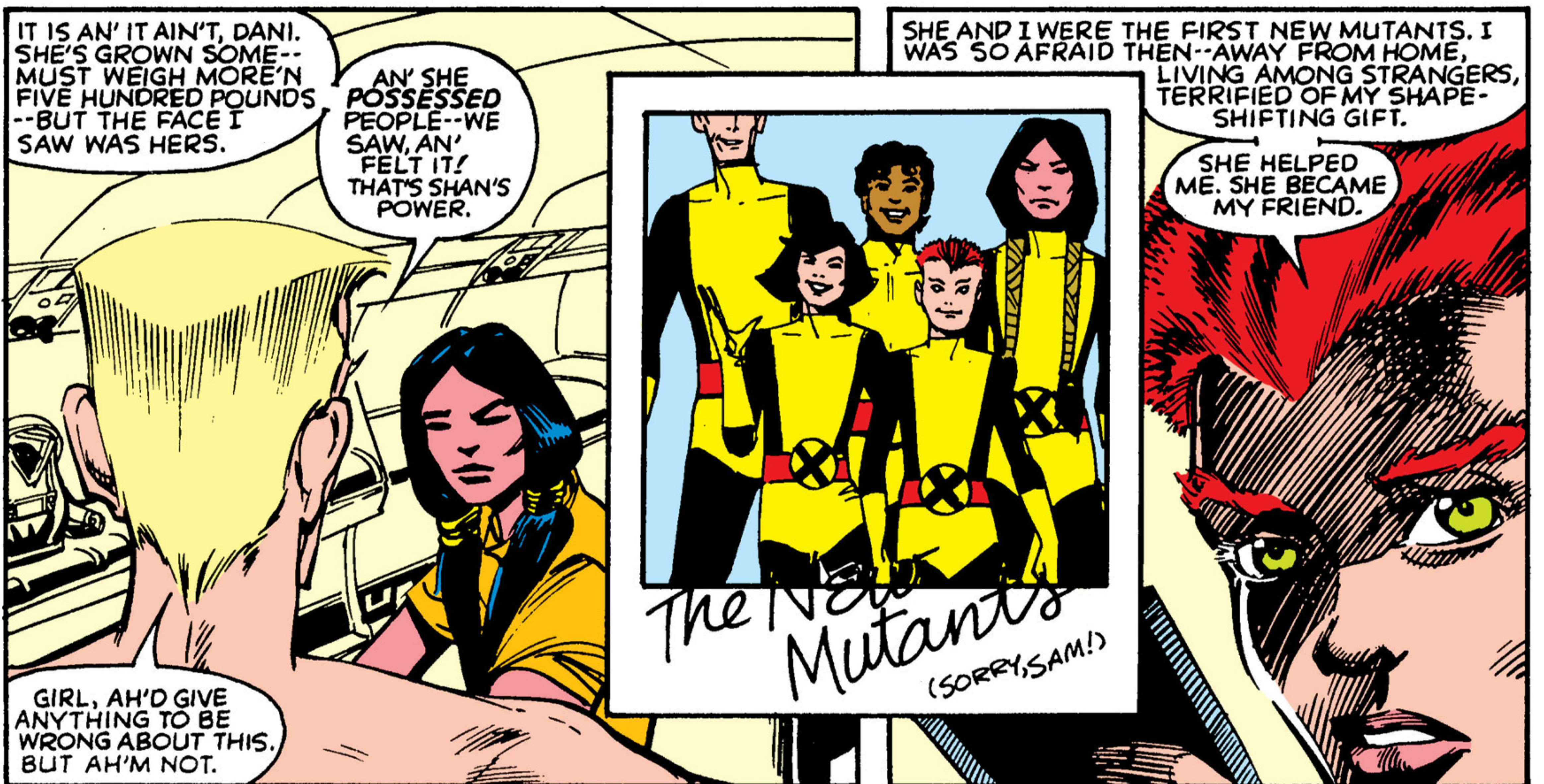
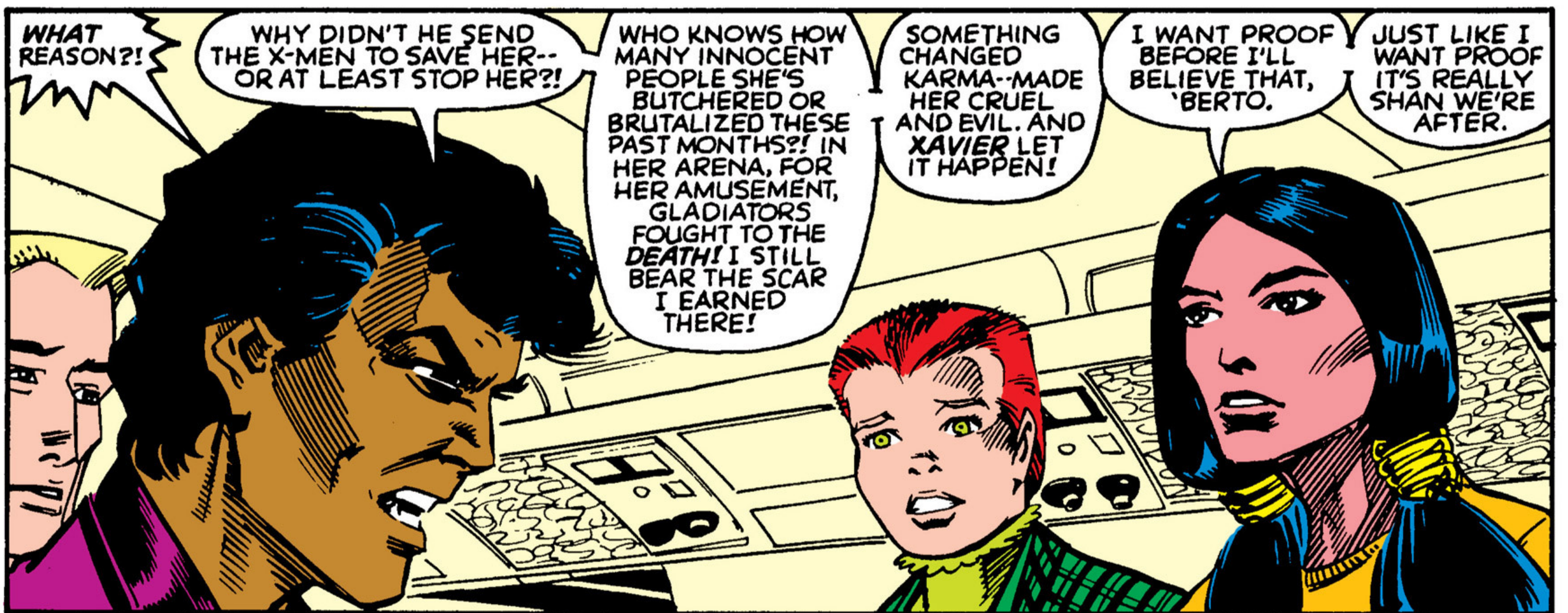
ARE YOU CALLING ME A LIAR, RAMSEY?!

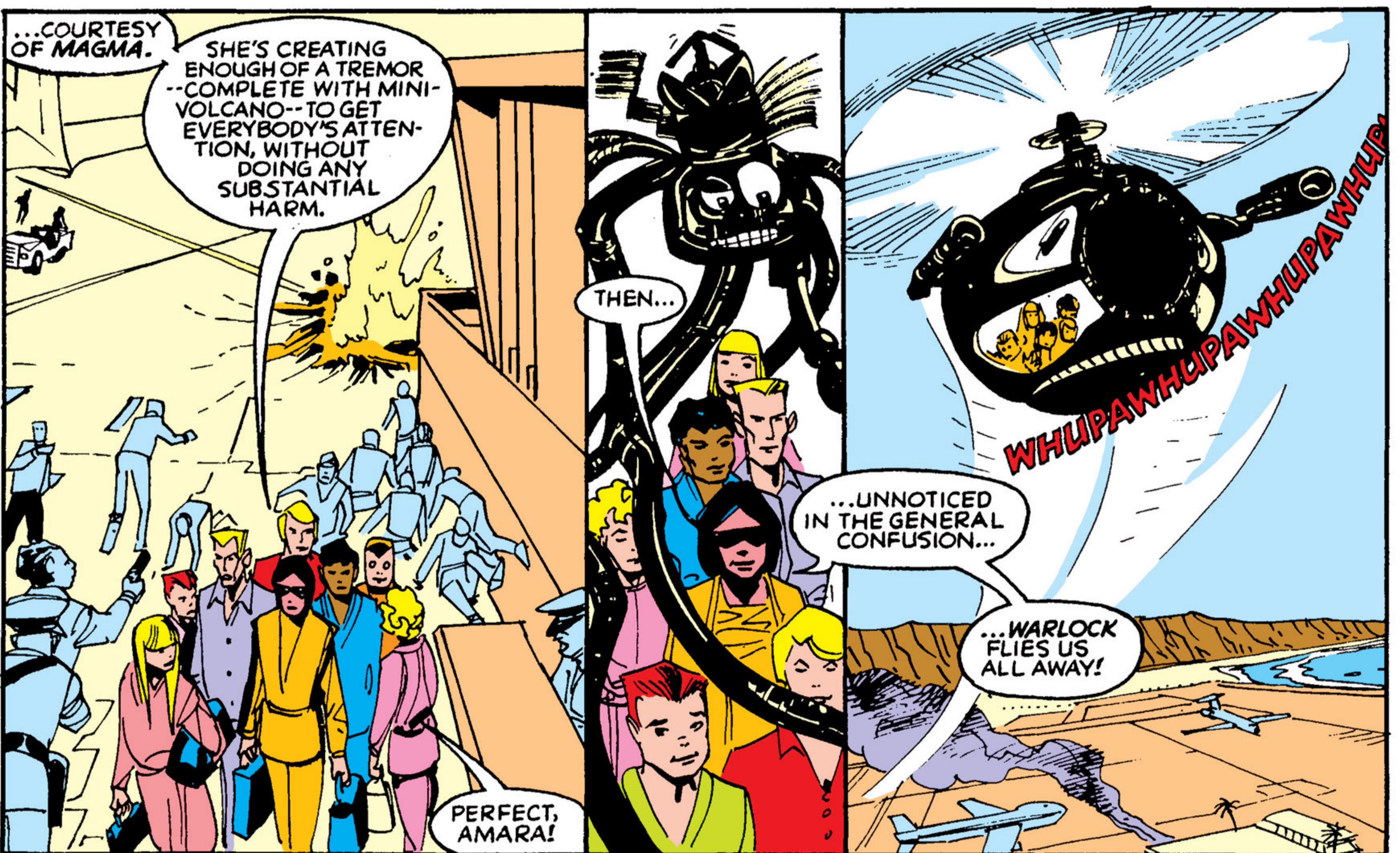
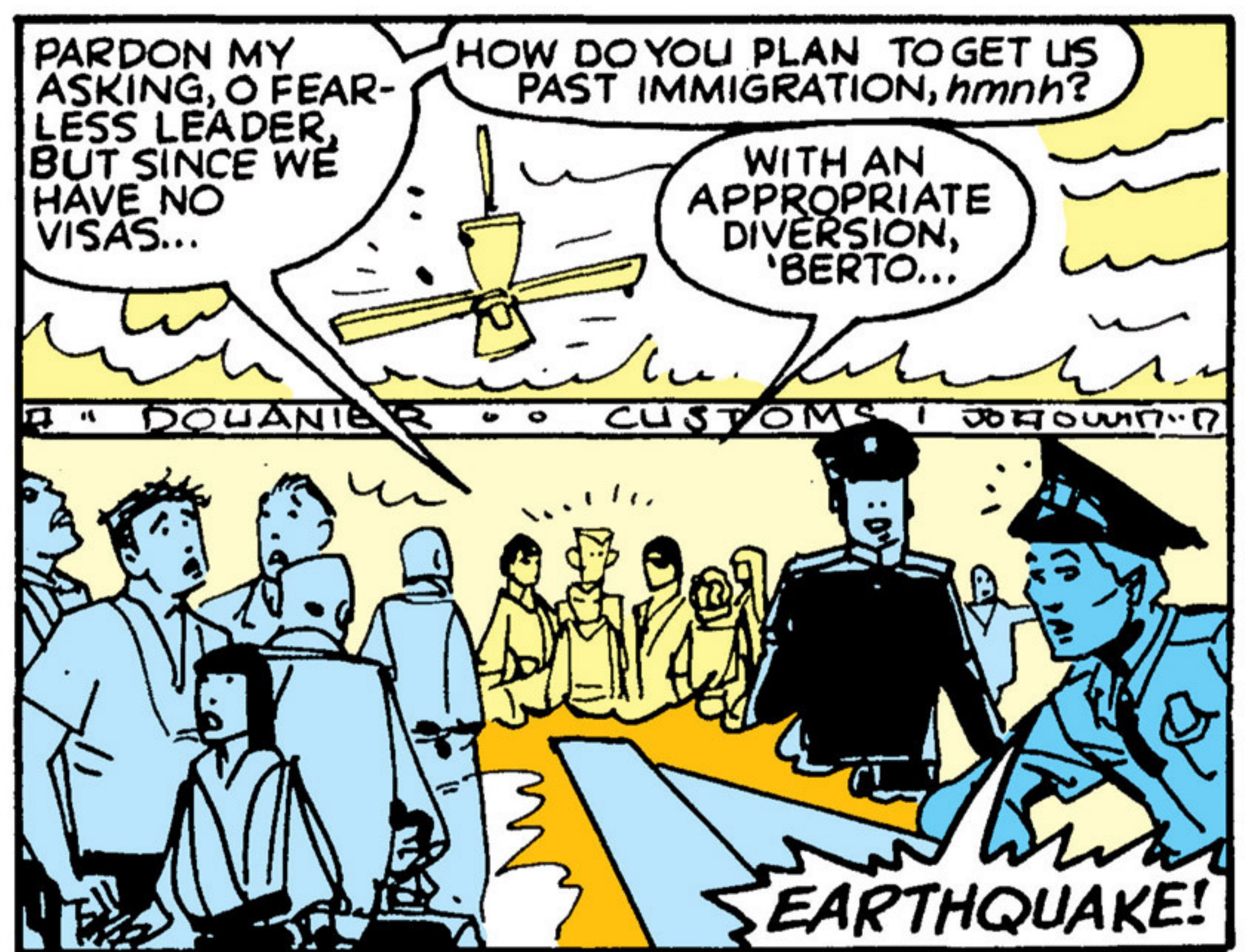
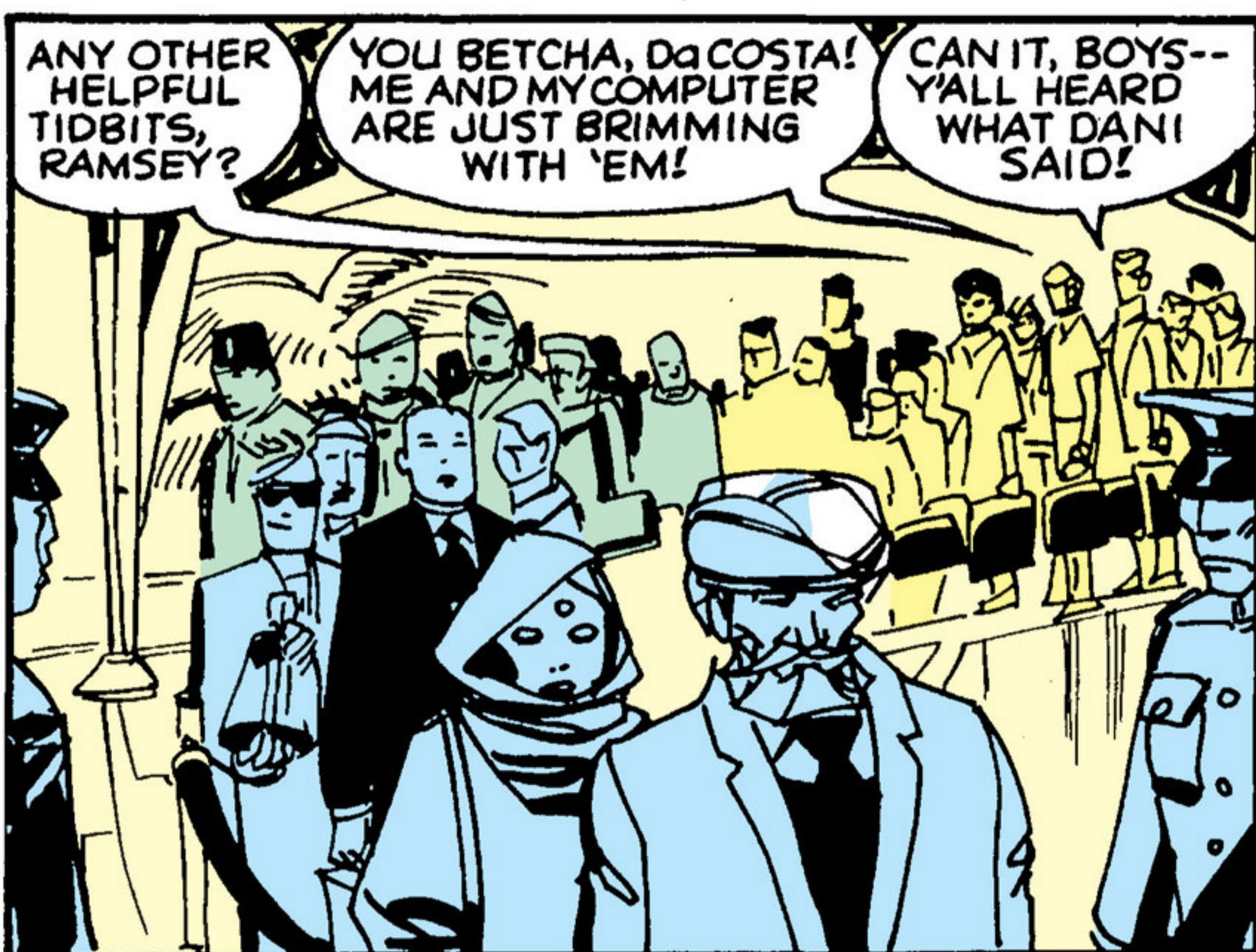
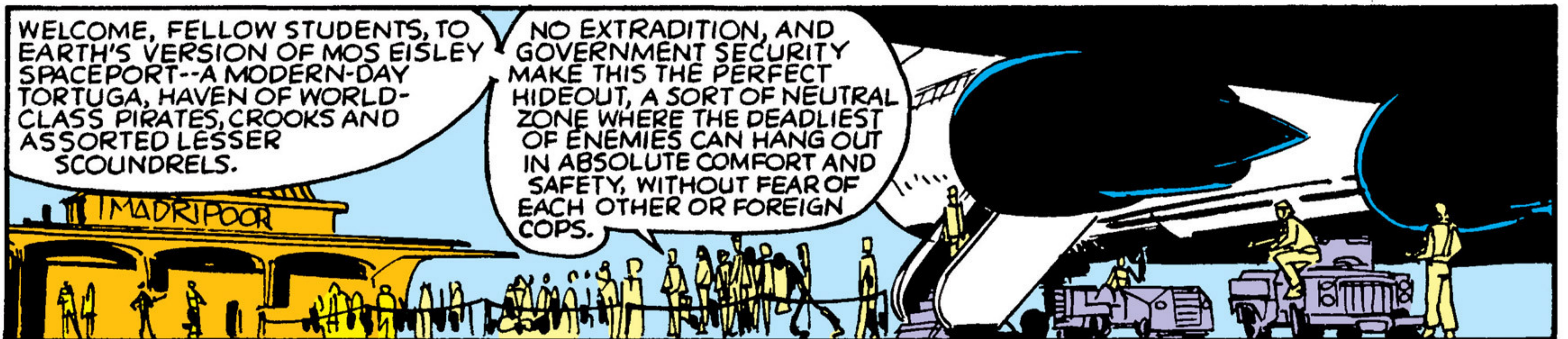
GIMME A BREAK, WILLYA?

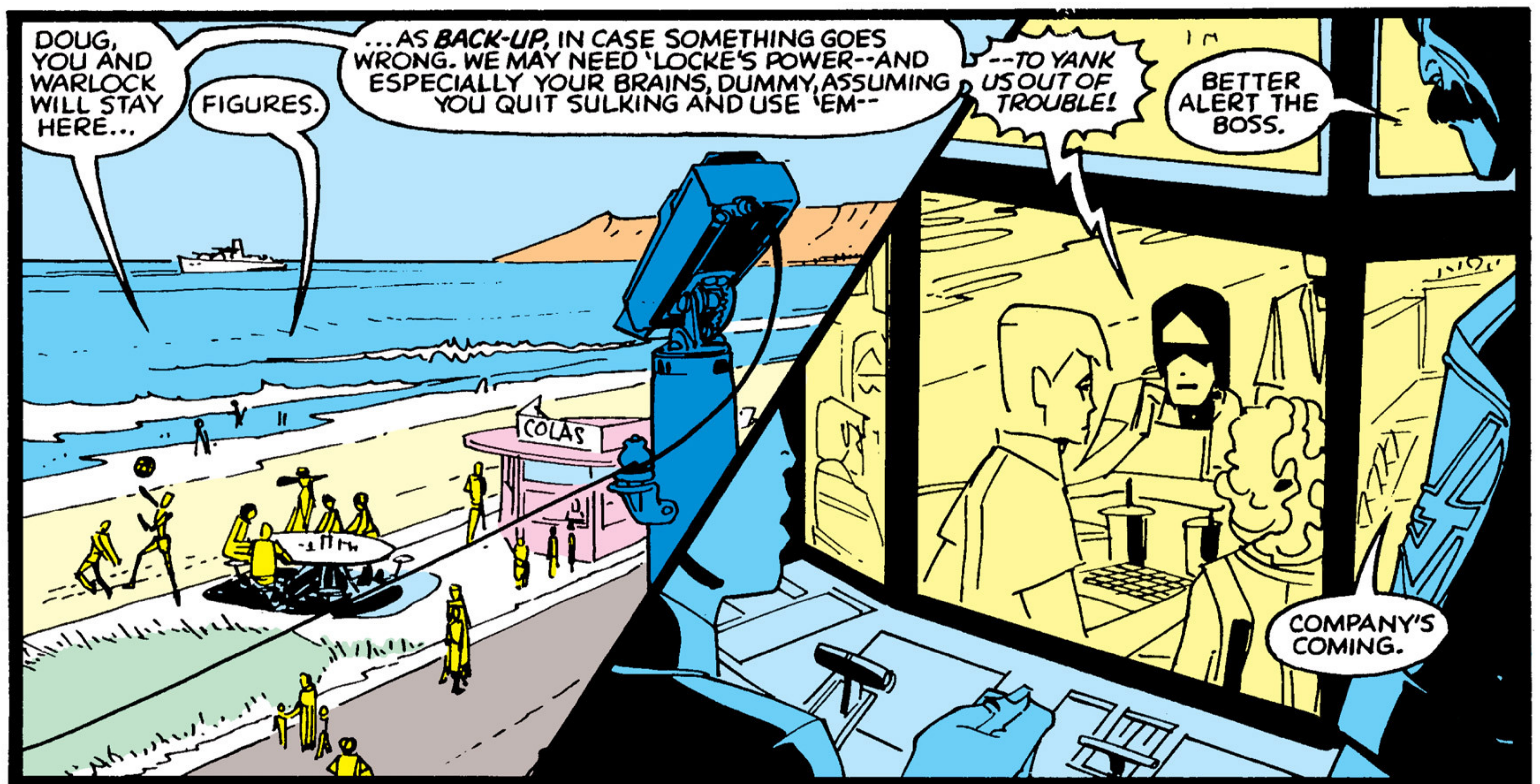
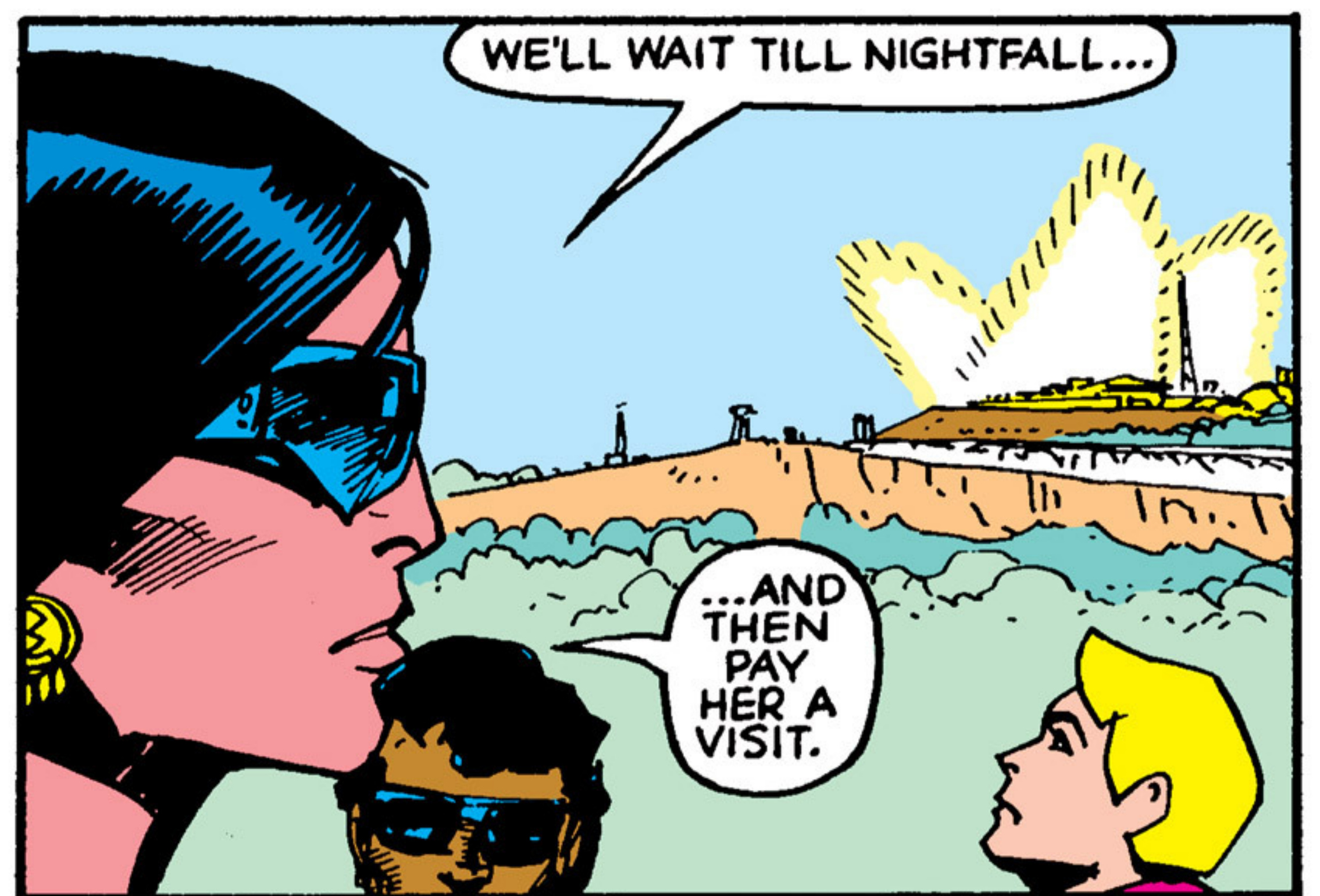
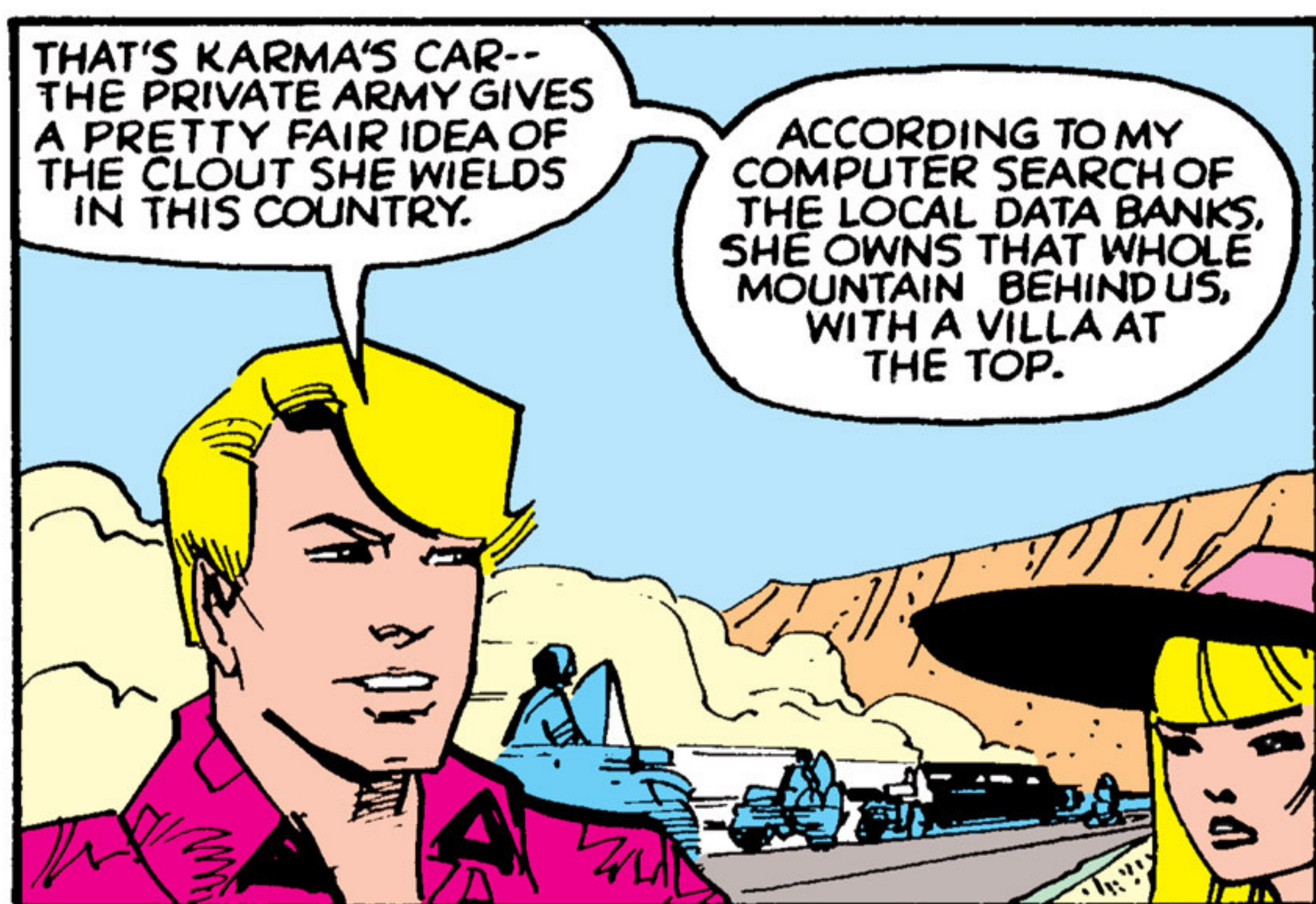
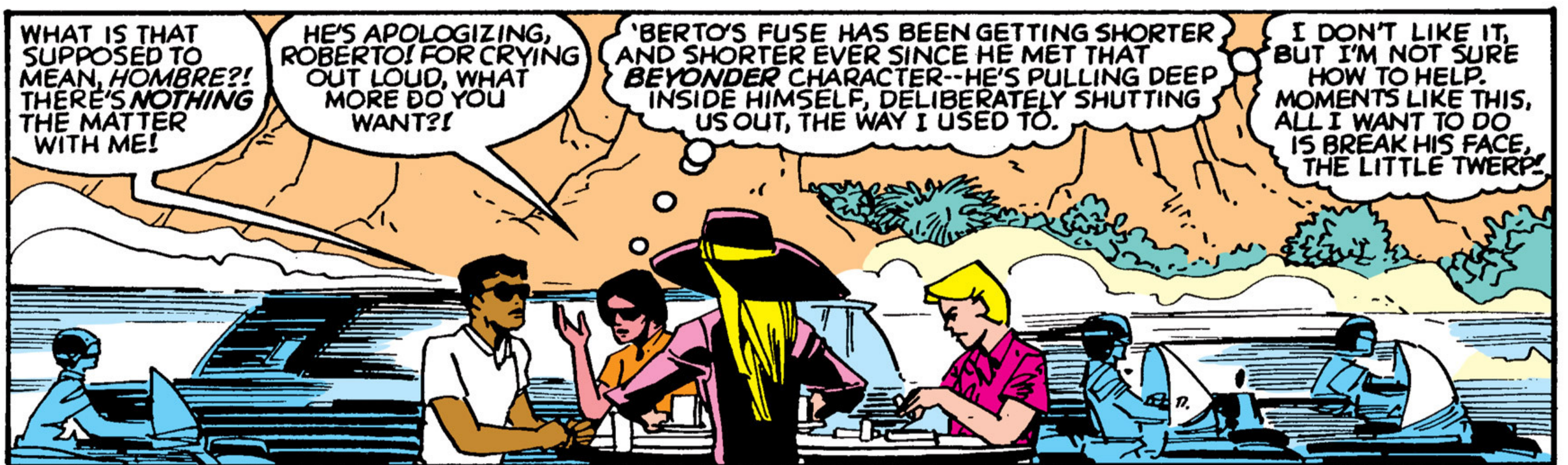
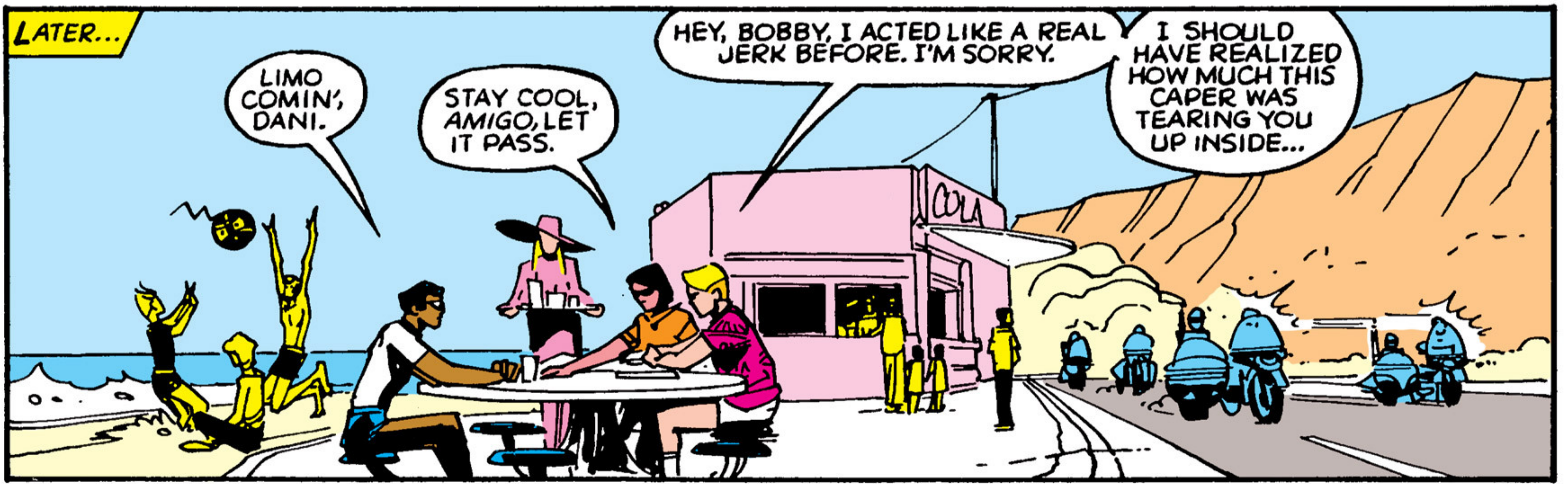
HE PROBABLY HAD A GOOD REASON!

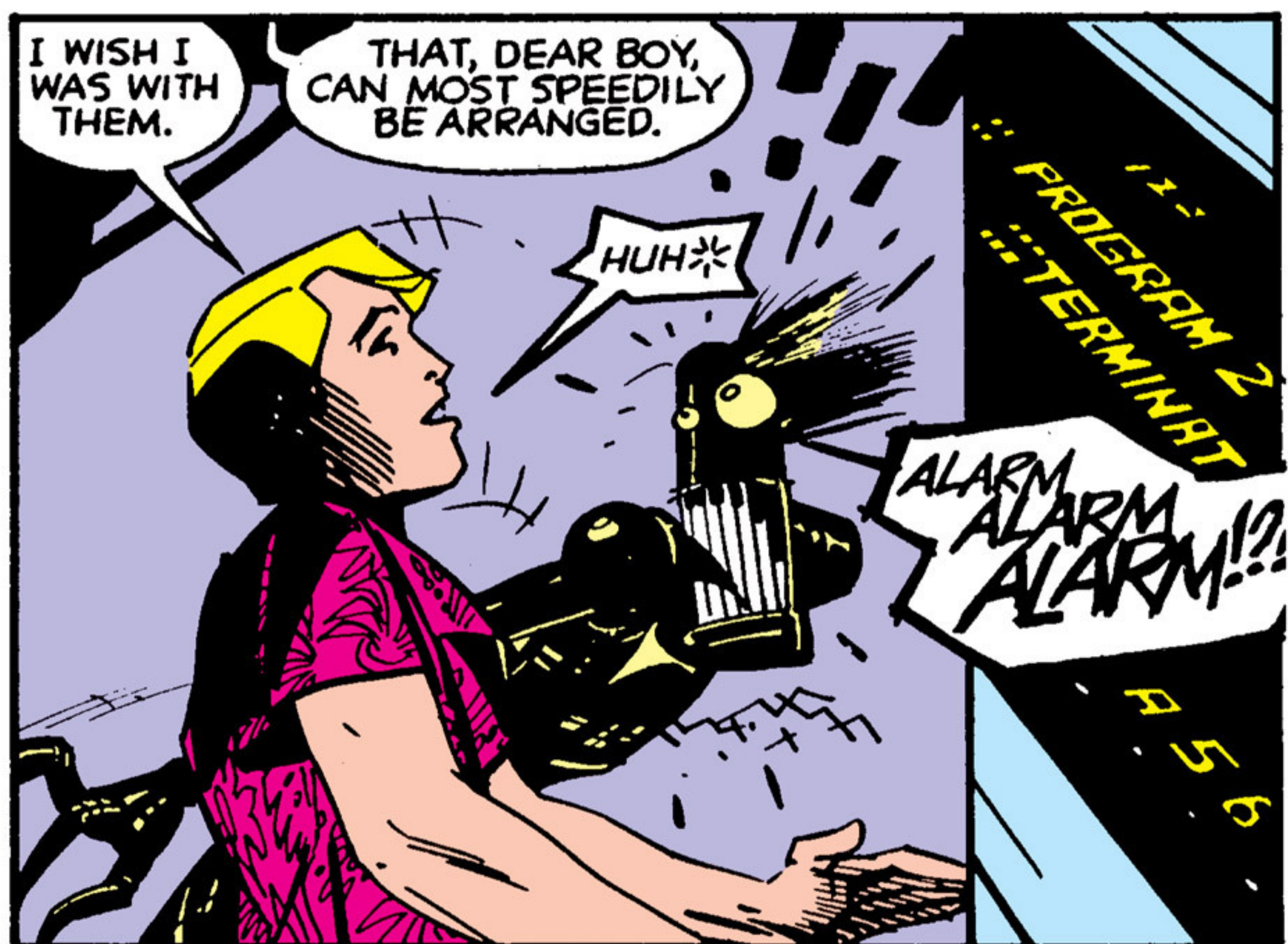
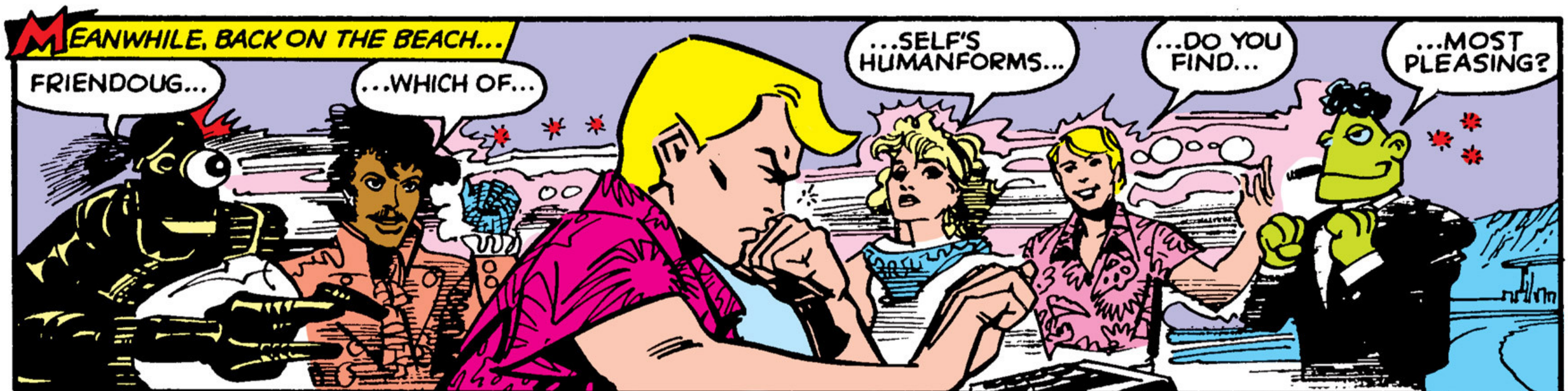
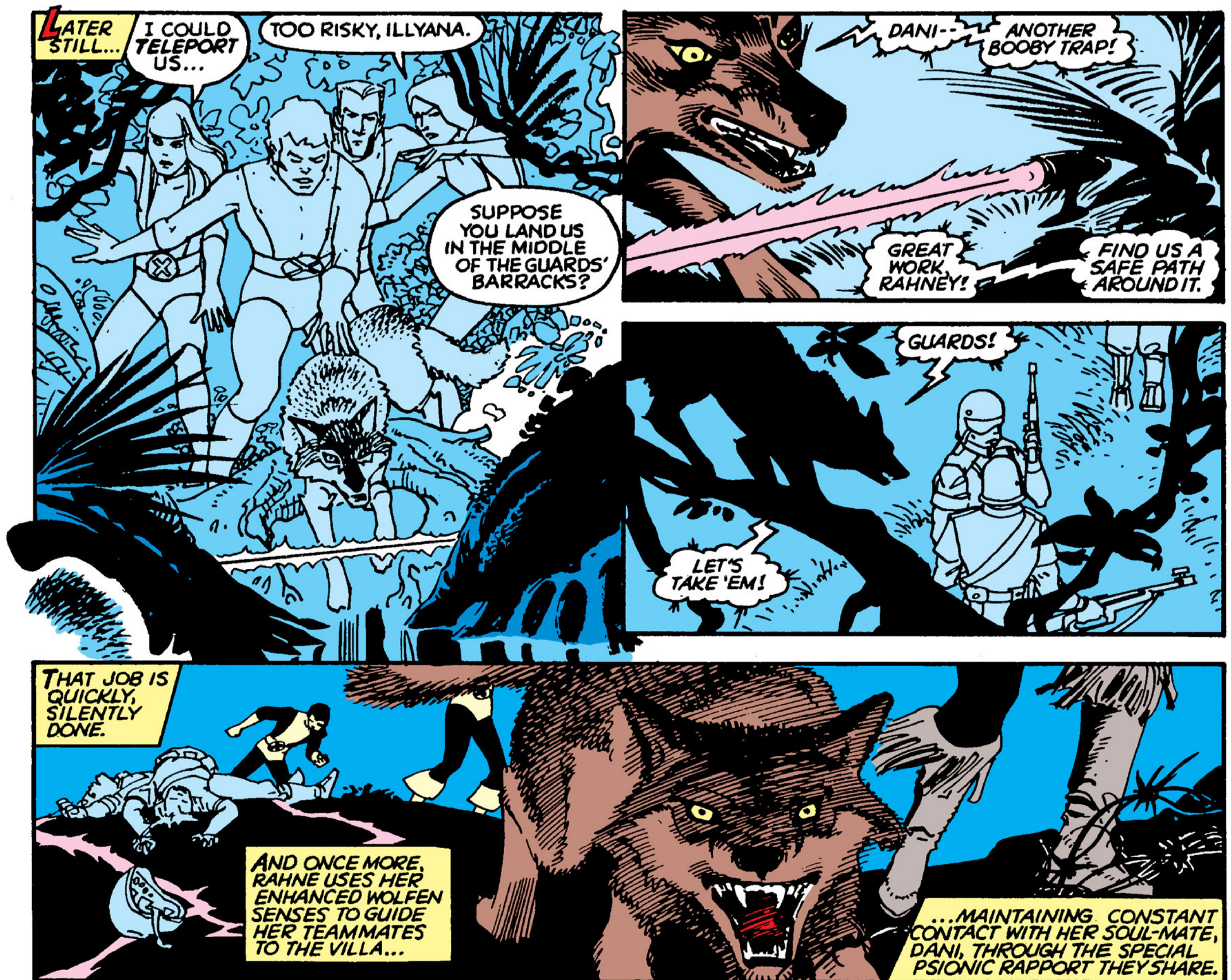
Xi'an's first day at the school

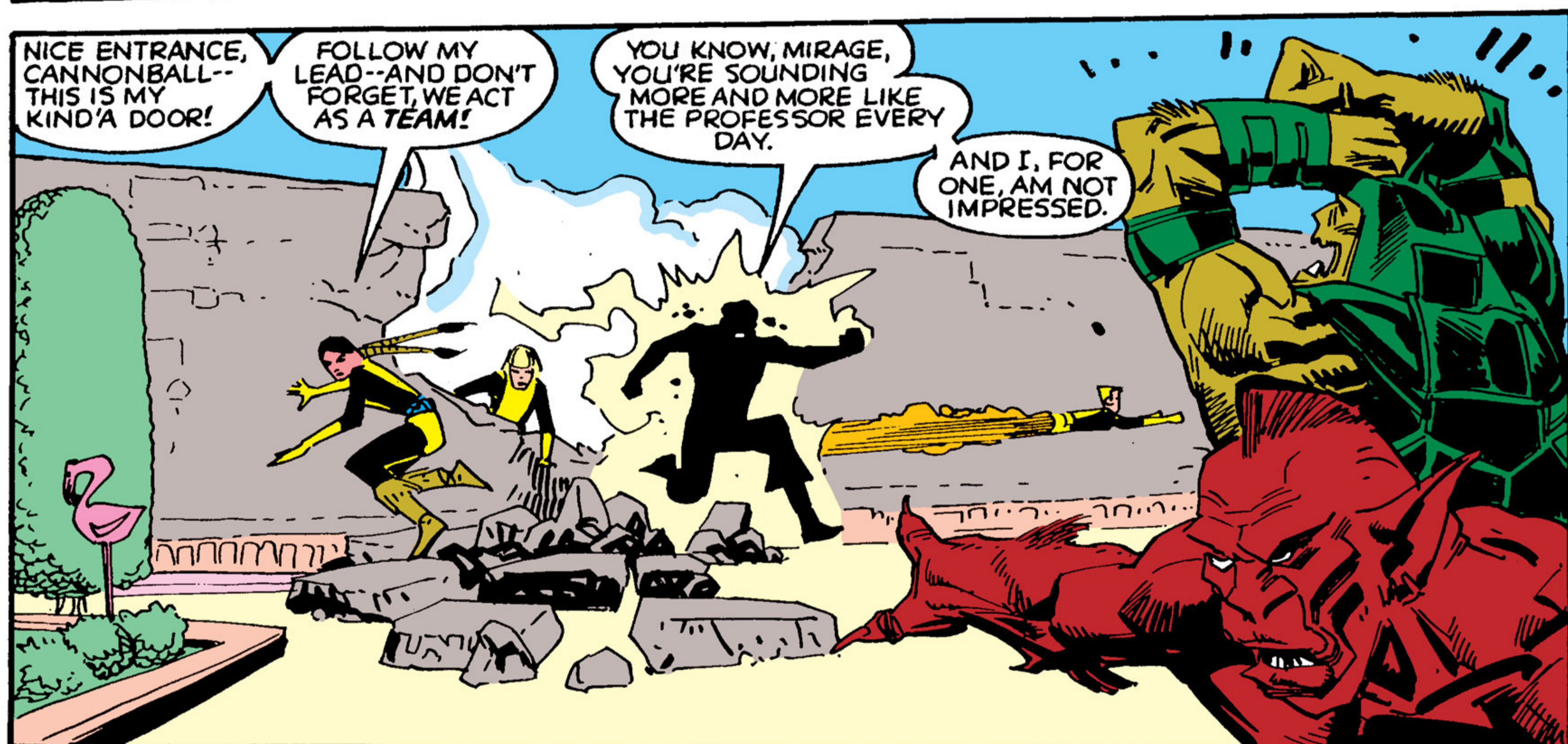
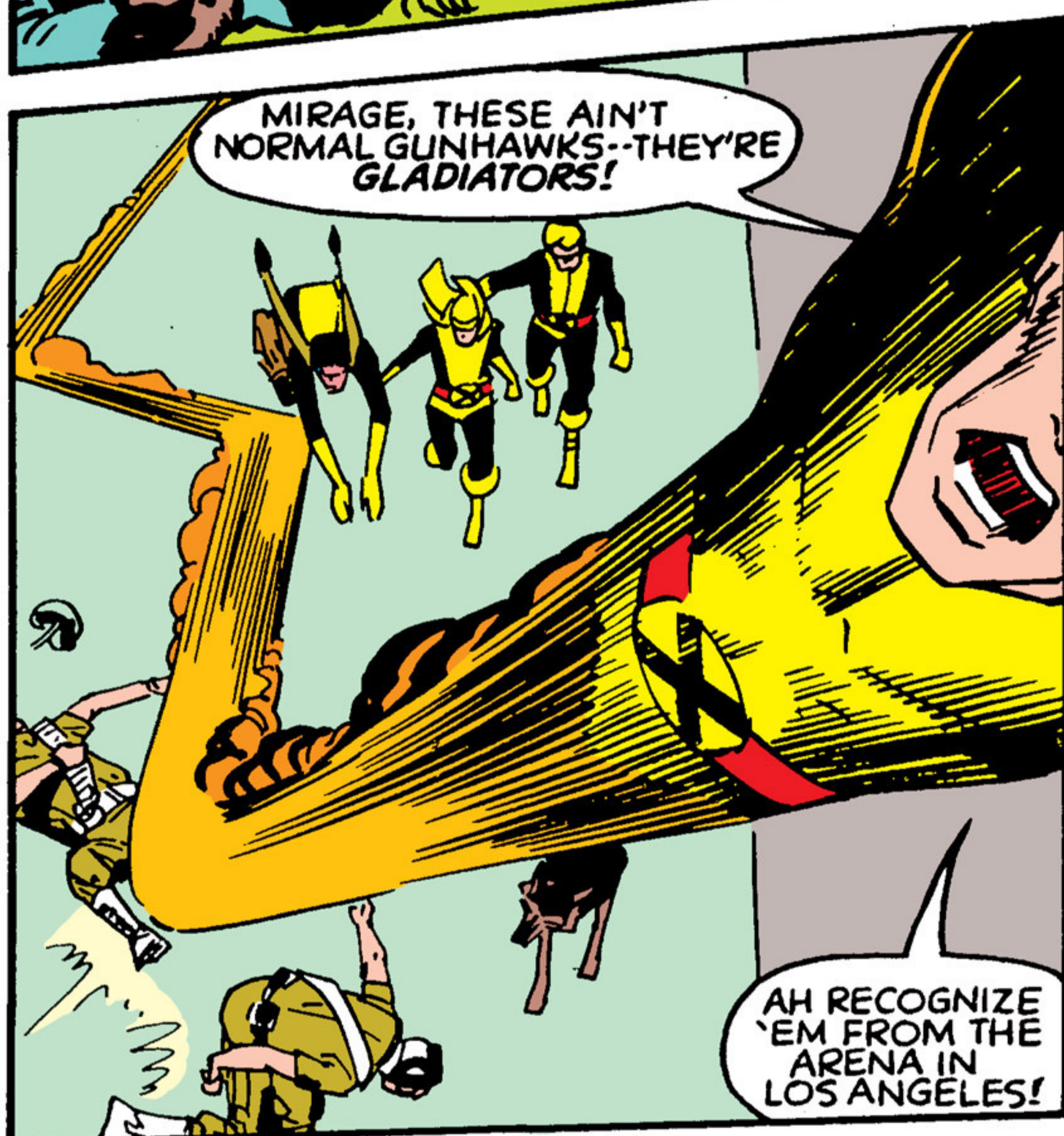
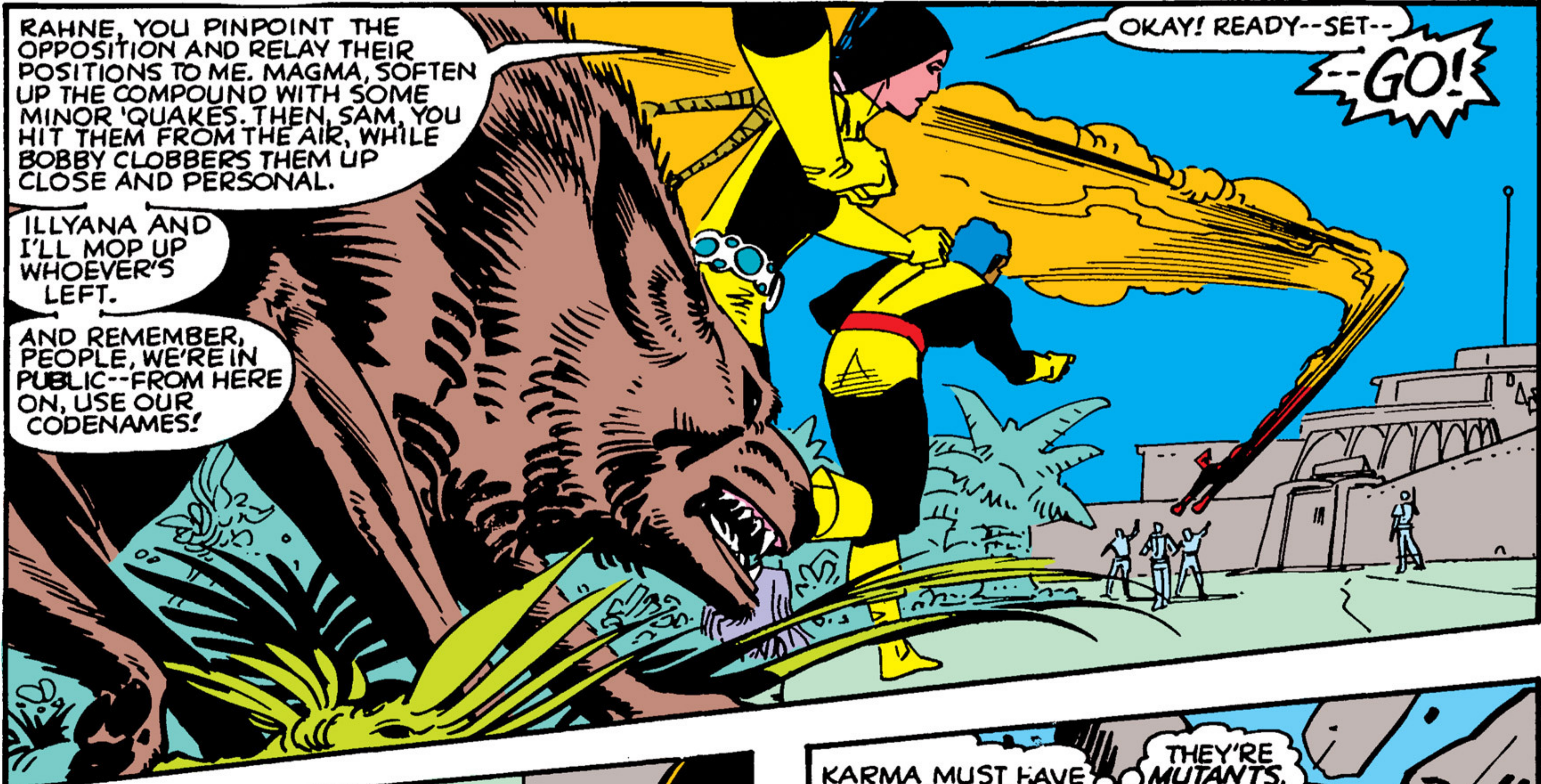
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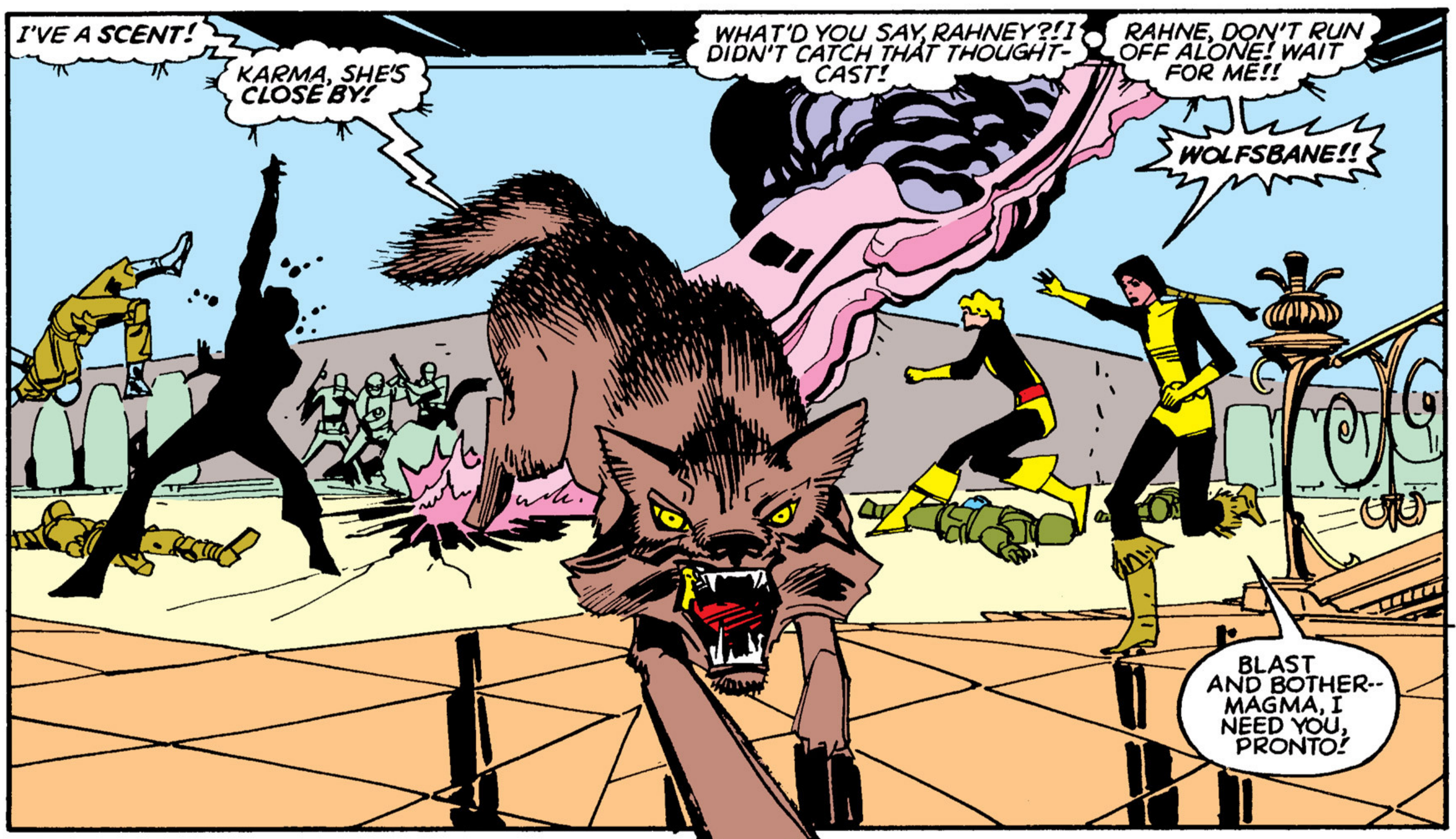
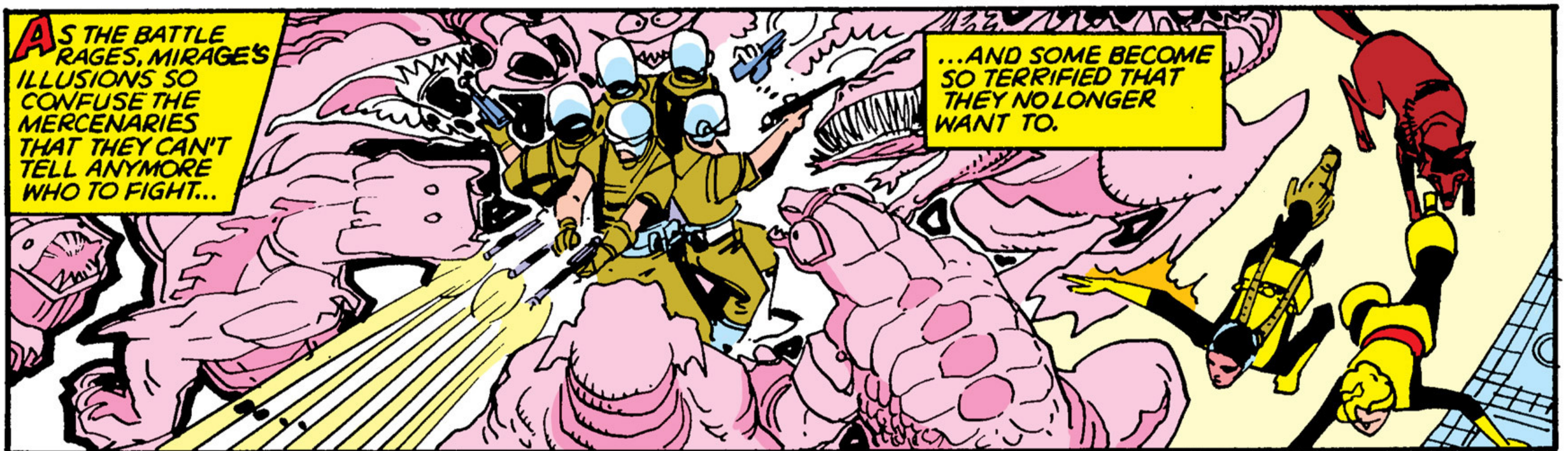
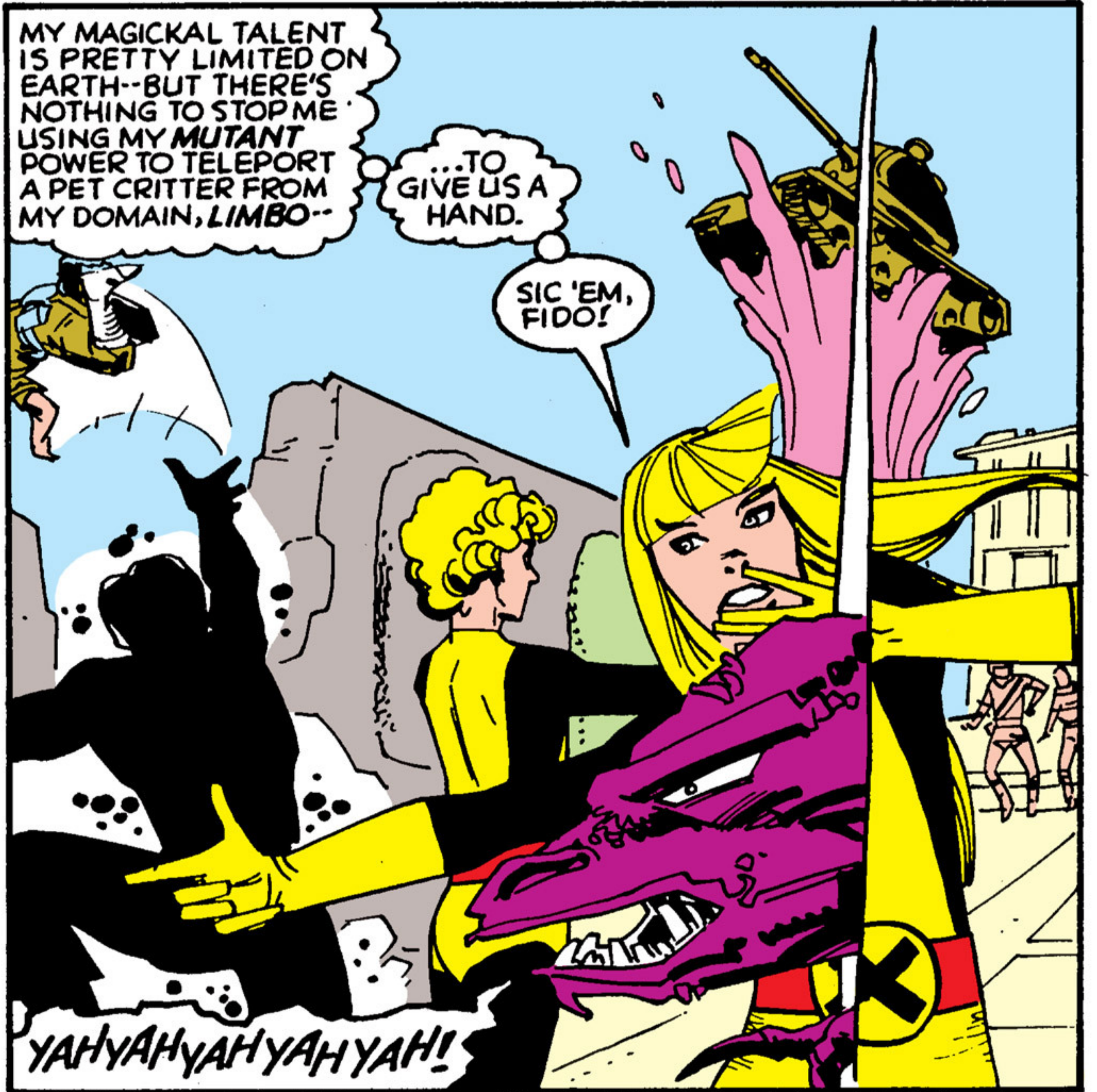


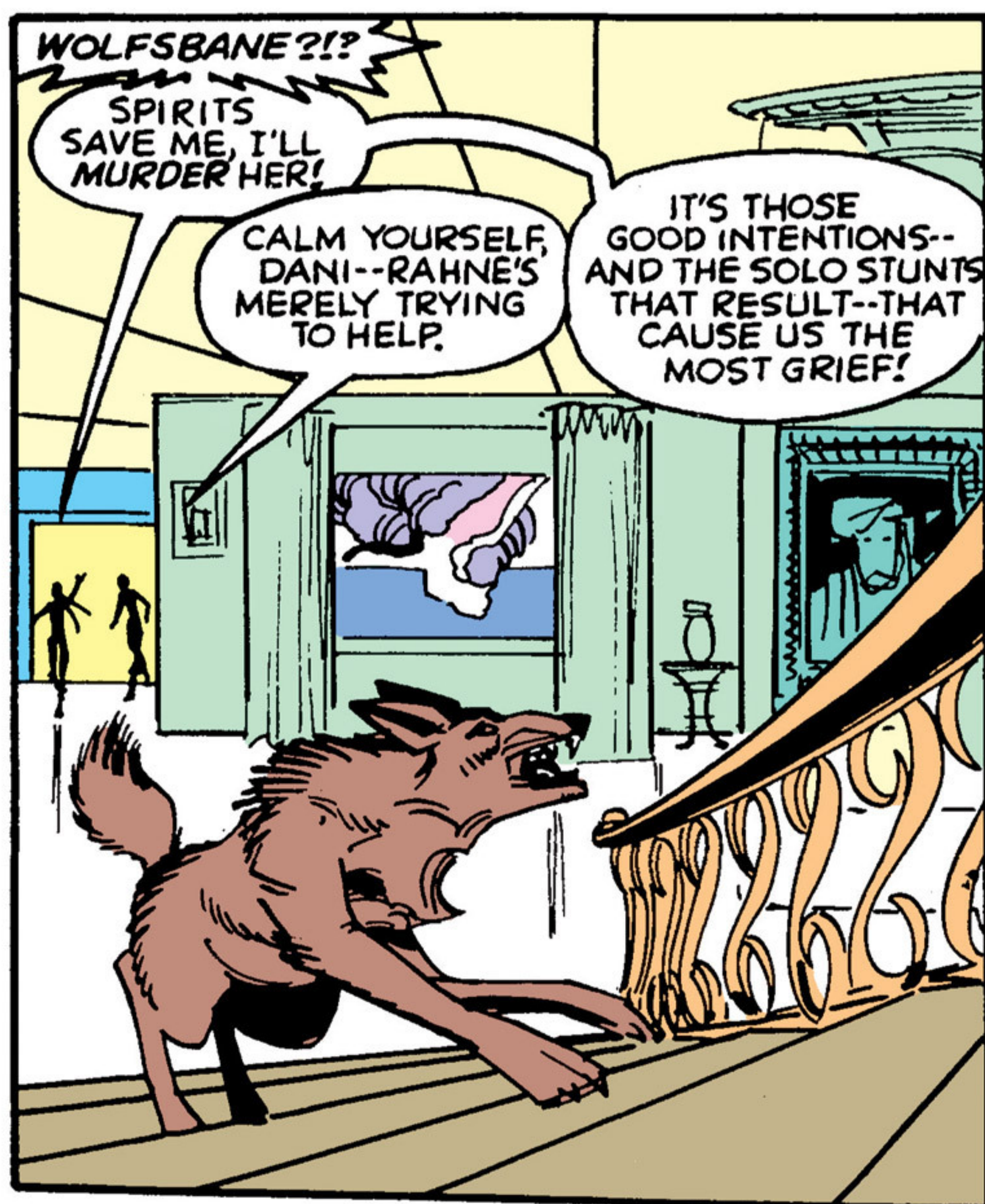












WOLFSBANE?!?
SPIRITS
SAVE ME, I'LL
MURDER HER!

CALM YOURSELF,
DANI--RAHNE'S
MERELY TRYING
TO HELP.

IT'S THOSE
GOOD INTENTIONS--
AND THE SOLO STUNTS
THAT RESULT--THAT
CAUSE US THE
MOST GRIEF!



I SHOULD KNOW,
I'VE DONE MORE
THAN MY SHARE.

I THOUGHT
RAHNE HAD
MORE SENSE.

SHE'S FAST AND
STRONG--BUT SHE'S
ALSO A LOT MORE OF A
KID THAN THE REST OF
US. SHE COULD BE THROWN
OFF--BALANCE REAL
EASILY.

A MOMENT IS
ALL KARMA NEEDS...



... TO POSSESS HER.

OR ANY
OF US.

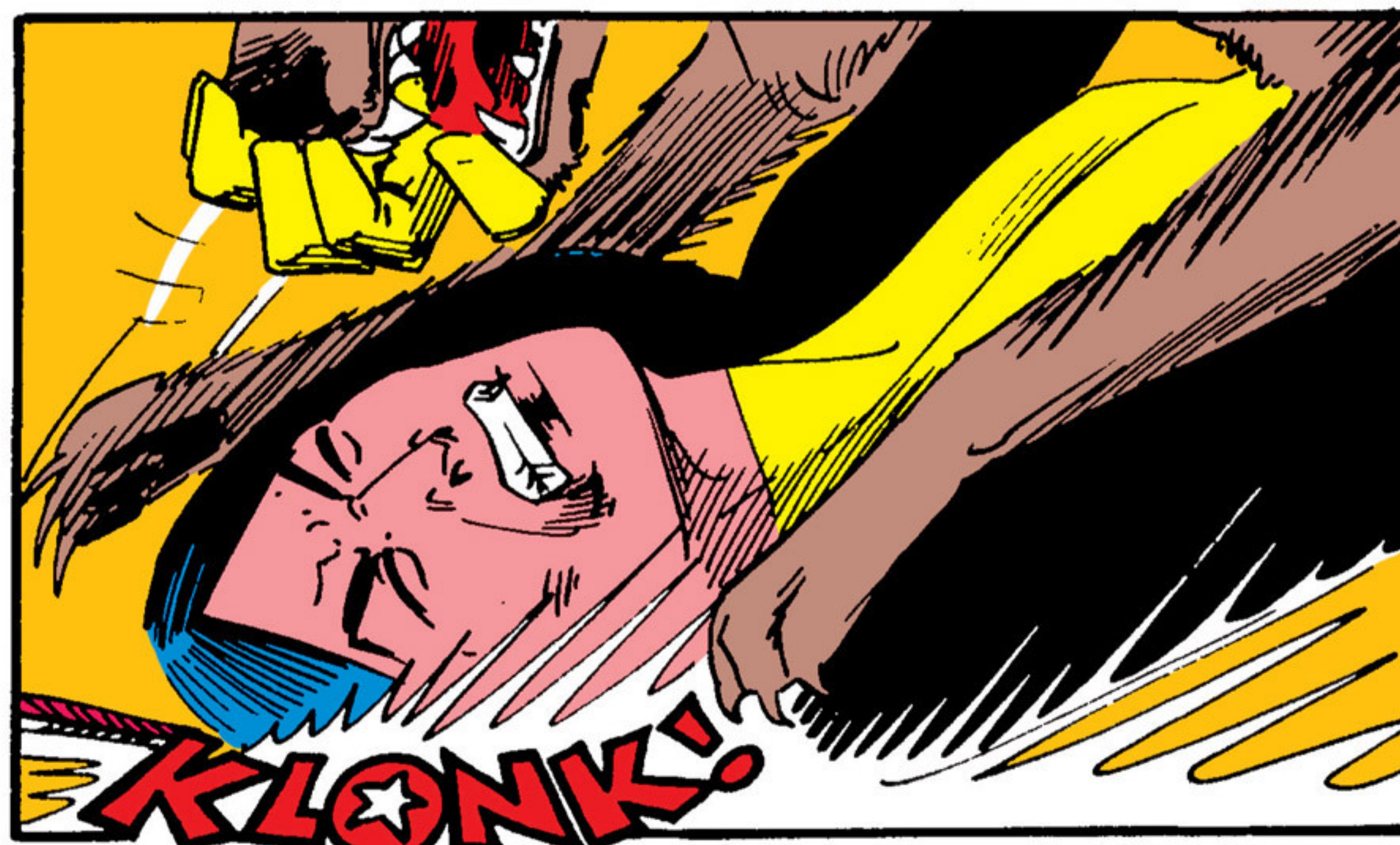
THAT'S WHY WE
HAVE TO BE
EXTRA-CAREFUL.
I THOUGHT I
MADE THAT
CLEAR.

RAHNE ISN'T
ANSWERING MY PSICALLS.
WE BETTER ASSUME
THE WORST--

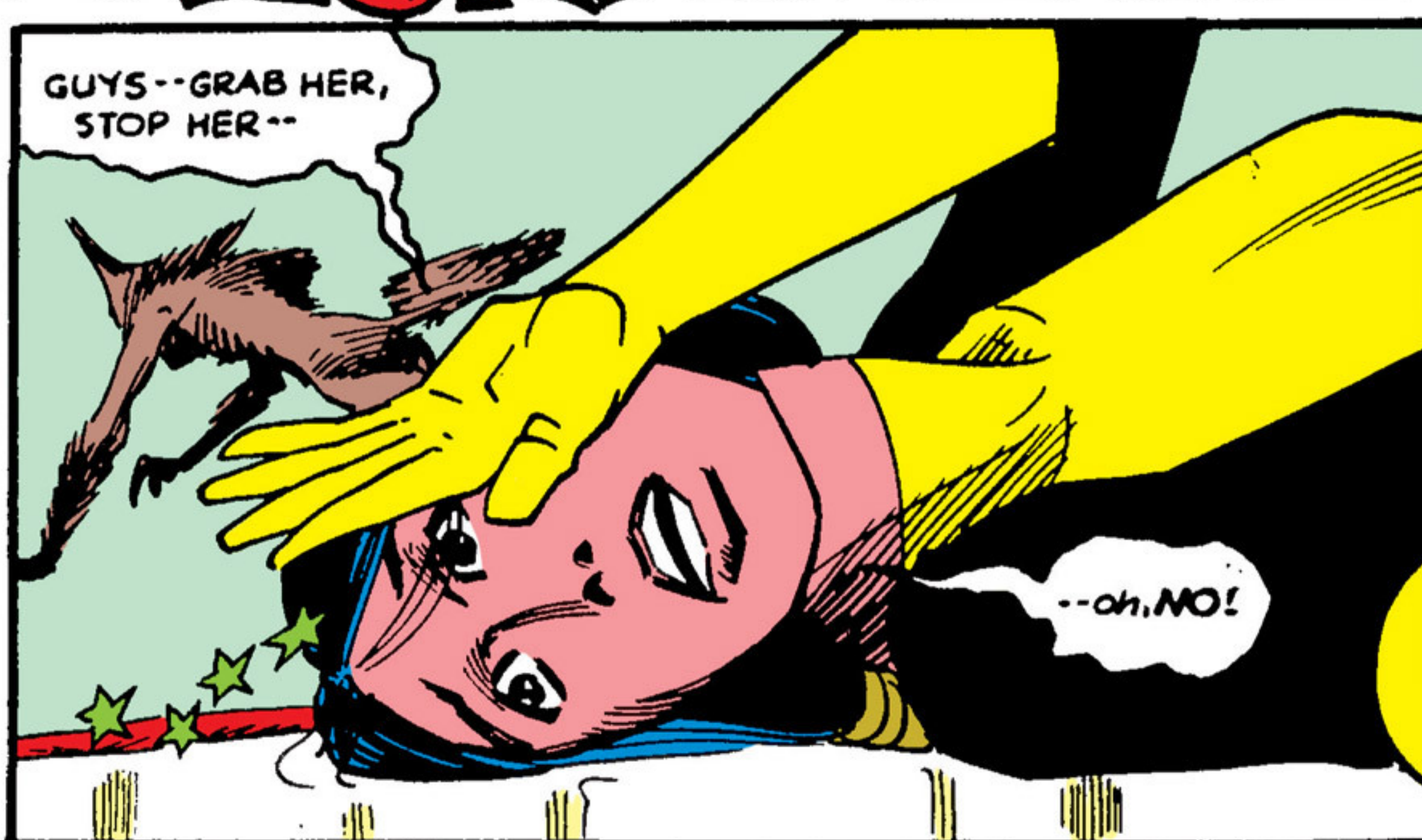


--YAI AIEOW!?!--

GRRARW!!

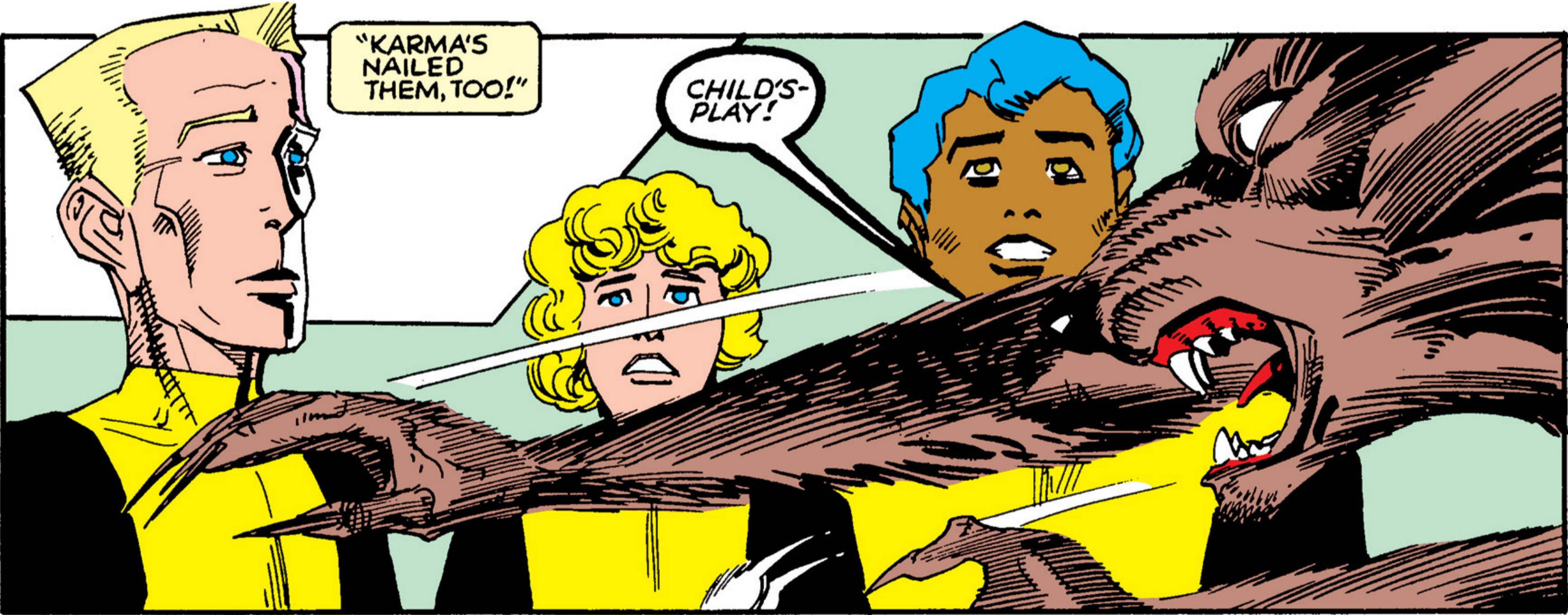


KLONK!



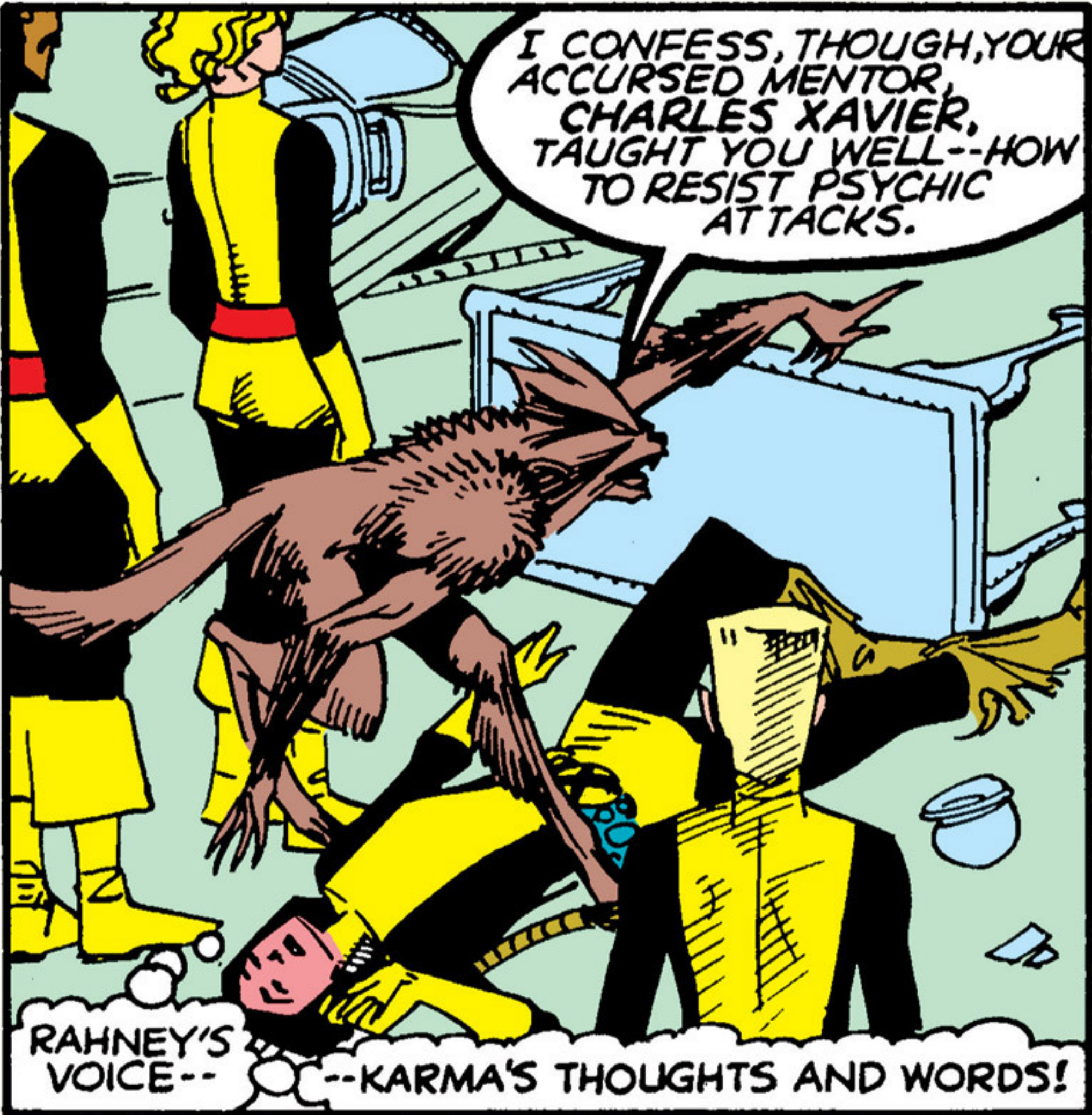
GUYS--GRAB HER,
STOP HER--

--oh, NO!



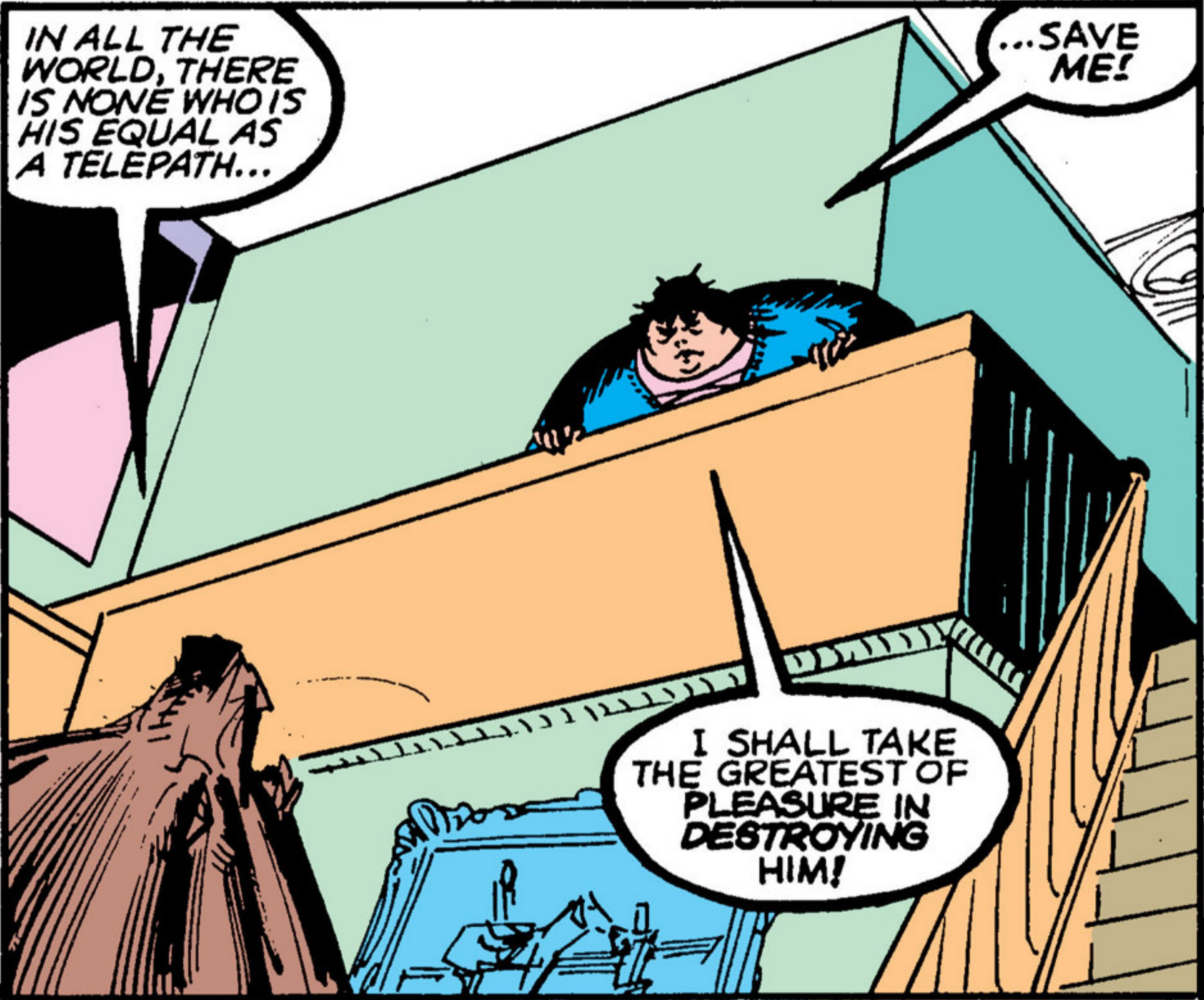
"KARMA'S NAILED THEM, TOO!"

CHILD'S-PLAY!



I CONFESS, THOUGH, YOUR ACCURSED MENTOR, CHARLES XAVIER, TAUGHT YOU WELL--HOW TO RESIST PSYCHIC ATTACKS.

RAHNEY'S VOICE-- --KARMA'S THOUGHTS AND WORDS!



...SAVE ME!

IN ALL THE WORLD, THERE IS NONE WHO IS HIS EQUAL AS A TELEPATH...

I SHALL TAKE THE GREATEST OF PLEASURE IN DESTROYING HIM!



HELLO, DANIELLE. AS YOU AMERICANS SAY, "LONG TIME, NO SEE."

FROM YOUR EXPRESSION I CAN TELL HOW GLAD YOU ARE...



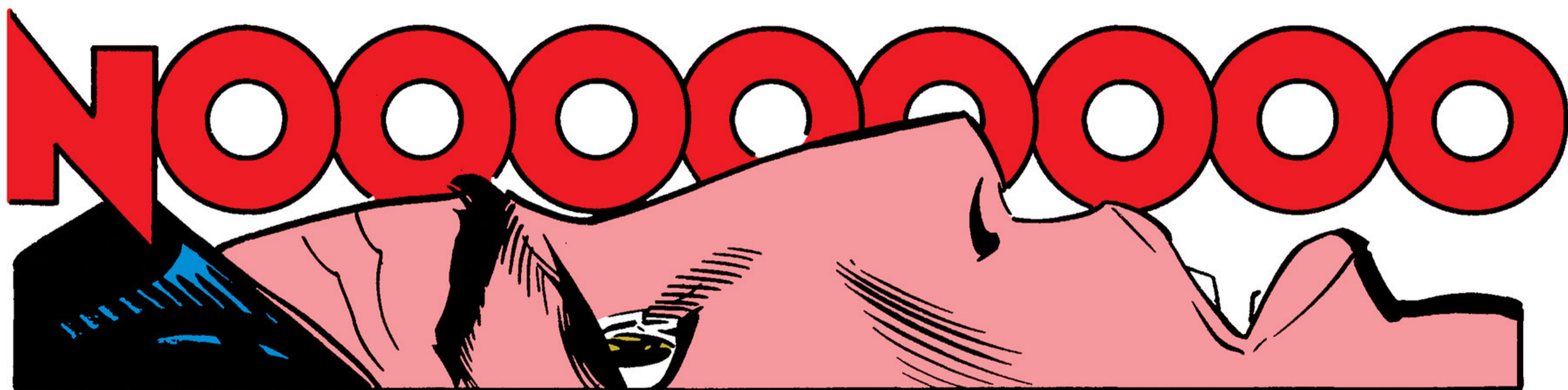
...TO LEARN IT'S REALLY ME!

YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS ARE TO BE THE INSTRUMENTS OF MY VENGEANCE, ISN'T THAT NICE? AND YOU WON'T MIND A BIT--SLAUGHTERING THOSE YOU CARE THE MOST FOR--

--ONCE I'VE BROKEN YOU TO MY WILL.

I HOPE YOU RESIST.

I WANT THIS TO HURT.



IT'S ALL RIGHT, PARTNER, YOU'RE SAFE, YOU'RE OUT OF FATSO'S REACH, SHE CAN'T HURT YOU HERE, YOU'RE SAFE.

YOU'RE SAFE.

ILLYANA?

WHERE...?!

HOW...???

LIMBO.

WE KIND OF LUCKED OUT. IT SEEMS MY MIND'S CLOSED TO KARMA, THE SAME AS IT IS TO THE PROF'S PSIPROBES.

THAT DOESN'T MAKE ME IMMUNE TO HER POWER, BUT SHE REALLY HAS TO WORK TO CAPTURE ME.

I WAS ABLE TO RESIST LONG ENOUGH TO GRAB YOU AND RUN. I COULDN'T GET ANYONE ELSE. I'M SORRY.

I WANT TO BE SICK. I FEEL SO... FILTHY INSIDE.

I NEVER DREAMED SHAN CAPABLE OF SUCH CRUELTY--AND EVIL!

BUT WE CAN'T LEAVE THE KIDS IN HER HANDS. WE HAVE TO GO BACK.

THE TEAM SUPREME, ON THE LOOSE AGAIN--

--JUST LIKE WHEN WE FOUGHT THE HELLIONS.*

NM#17--AnnN.

ONLY THIS TIME, LET'S BE SENSIBLE AND BRING SOME REINFORCEMENTS.

G'DAY, BOSS. GOTTA JOB FOR US, eh?

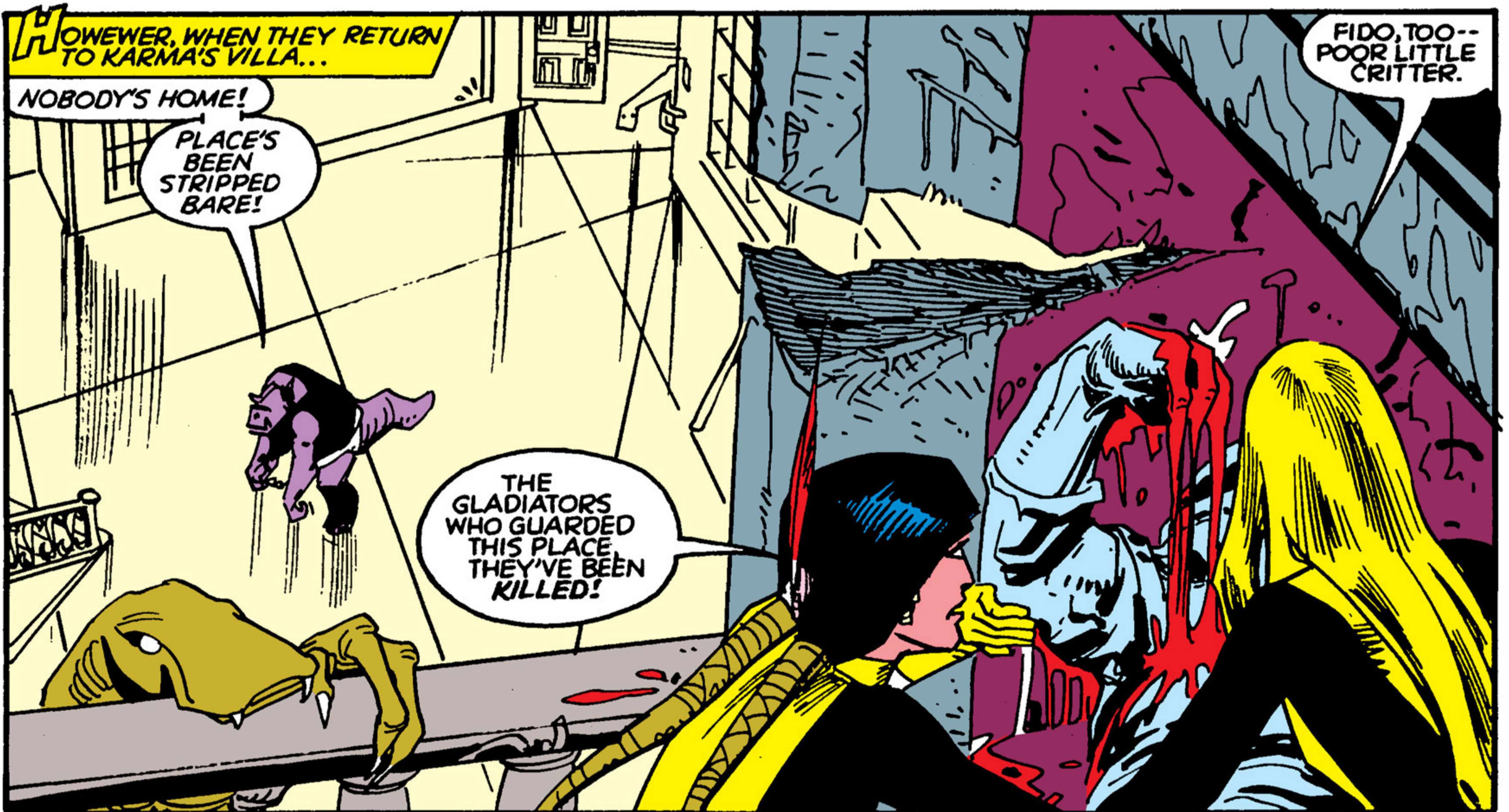
THE KIND YOU LOVE BEST, S'YM--MAYHEM'S GUARANTEED.

HEY, DANI--WHAT ABOUT KARMA? DO WE LEAVE HER TO MY DEMONS?

I'D LIKE TO.

BUT THEN I WOULDN'T BE MUCH BETTER THAN HER.

TAKE HER ALIVE, ILLYANA, IF YOU CAN. AND WE'LL PRAY PROFESSOR XAVIER CAN HELP HER.



HOWEVER, WHEN THEY RETURN TO KARMA'S VILLA...

NOBODY'S HOME!
PLACE'S BEEN STRIPPED BARE!

THE GLADIATORS WHO GUARDED THIS PLACE THEY'VE BEEN KILLED!

FIDO, TOO-- POOR LITTLE CRITTER.



LOOK AT THE BODIES--ONE BEATEN TO A PULP, ANOTHER RIPPED LIMB FROM LIMB, YOUR FIDO AND THE ROOM AROUND HIM SCORCHED AND CHARRED BY RED-HOT FLAMES...!

I DON'T BELIEVE THIS-- I DON'T WANT TO-- BUT HOW CAN I DENY THE EVIDENCE OF MY OWN EYES?!

SUNSPOTS STRENGTH, WOLFSBANE'S FEROCITY, MAGMA'S FIRE--THE NEW MUTANTS MASSACRED THESE PEOPLE!

NO!

THE KIDS' POWERS MAY HAVE BEEN THE WEAPON, BUT KARMA WIELDED IT! THEY WERE POSSESSED!

IT'S KARMA'S FAULT, DANI! SHE'S RESPONSIBLE!



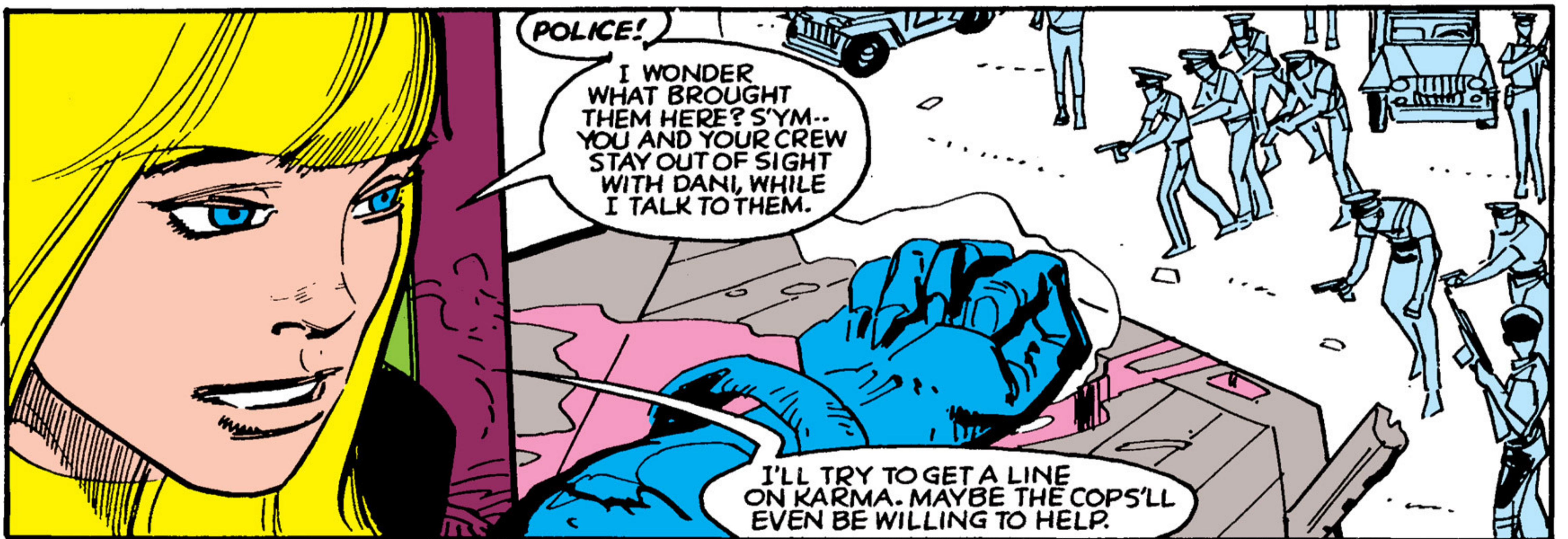
AND I'M TO BLAME. I WAS SO SURE OF MYSELF, CERTAIN WE COULD HANDLE ANY FOE, I BLITHELY LED US INTO THIS MESS.

YOU GOING TO MORE, THEN...

...OR TRY TO SALVAGE THINGS?

HATE TO INTRUDE, BOSS...

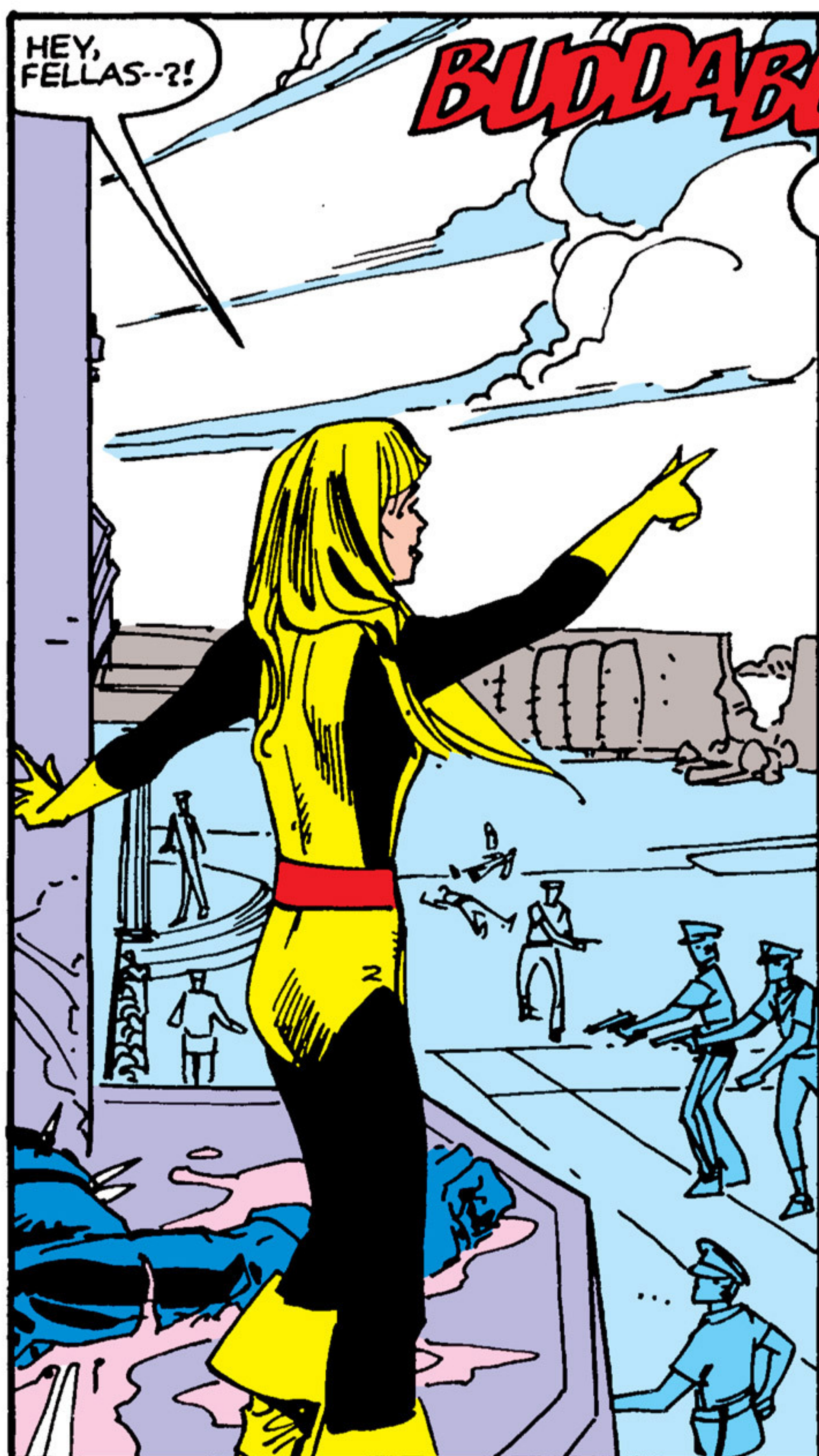
...BUT WE GOT VISITORS.



POLICE!

I WONDER WHAT BROUGHT THEM HERE? S'YM-- YOU AND YOUR CREW STAY OUT OF SIGHT WITH DANI, WHILE I TALK TO THEM.

I'LL TRY TO GET A LINE ON KARMA. MAYBE THE COPS'LL EVEN BE WILLING TO HELP.

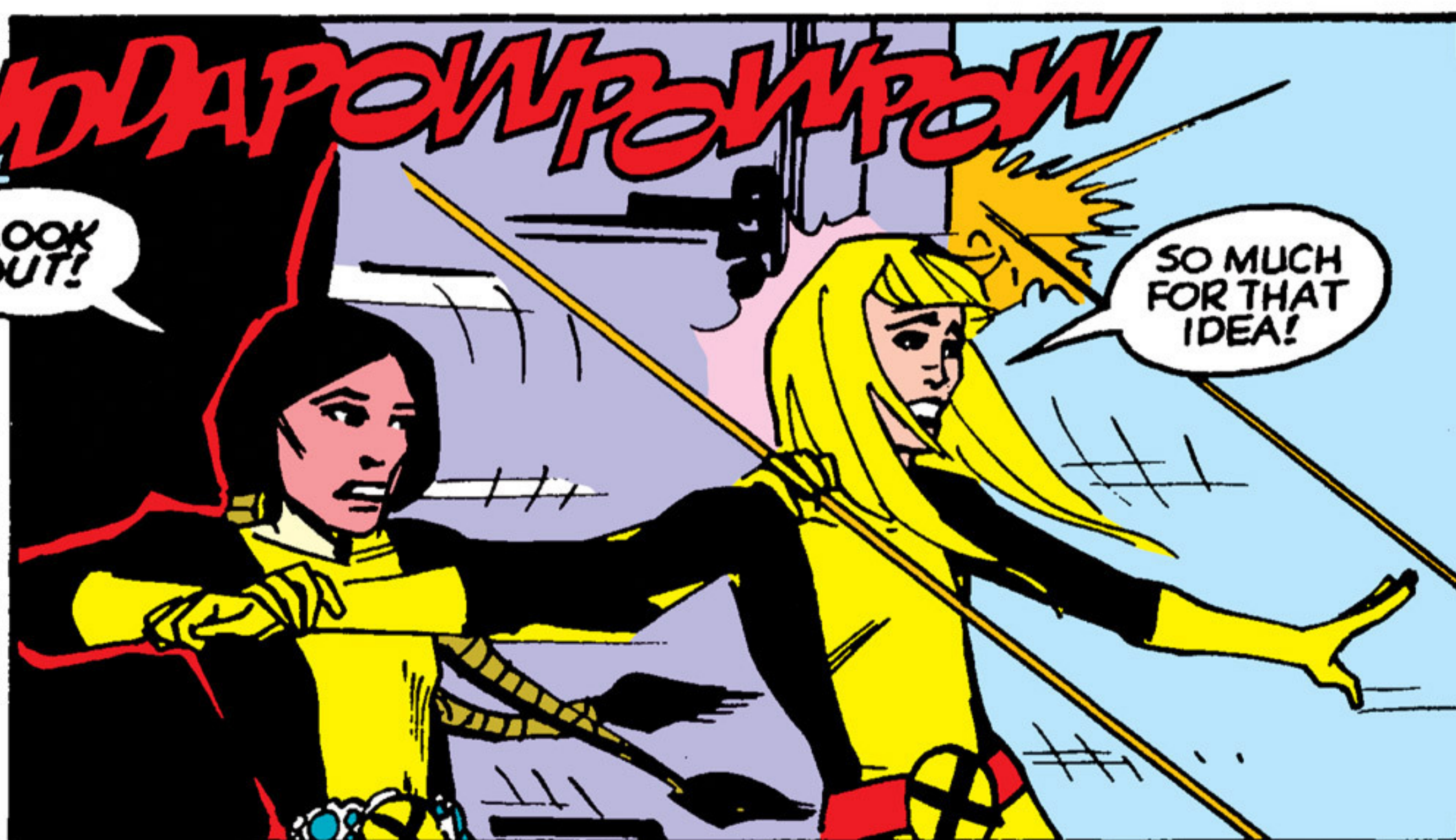


HEY, FELLAS--?!

BUDDA BUDDA POW POW POW

LOOK OUT!

SO MUCH FOR THAT IDEA!



VAMOOSE, BOSS?

YAH!

BACK TO LIMBO!



KARMA FRAMED US!

SHE MUST HAVE TOLD THE LAW WE RAIDED HER PLACE. WE'LL BE BLAMED FOR THE MURDERS. IF WE SHOW OUR FACES IN MADRIPPOOR, WE'LL PROBABLY BE SHOT ON SIGHT!

SO WHAT'LL WE DO?

ACCORDING TO DOUG'S RESEARCH, KARMA HAS ANOTHER PLACE IN CAIRO.



WE CAN BEAT HER THERE.

BY TELEPORTING?!

NO WAY!!

YOU KNOW HOW DANGEROUS THAT IS!

ILLYANA, WHATEVER WE DO--GO AFTER SHAN OR RUN HOME--



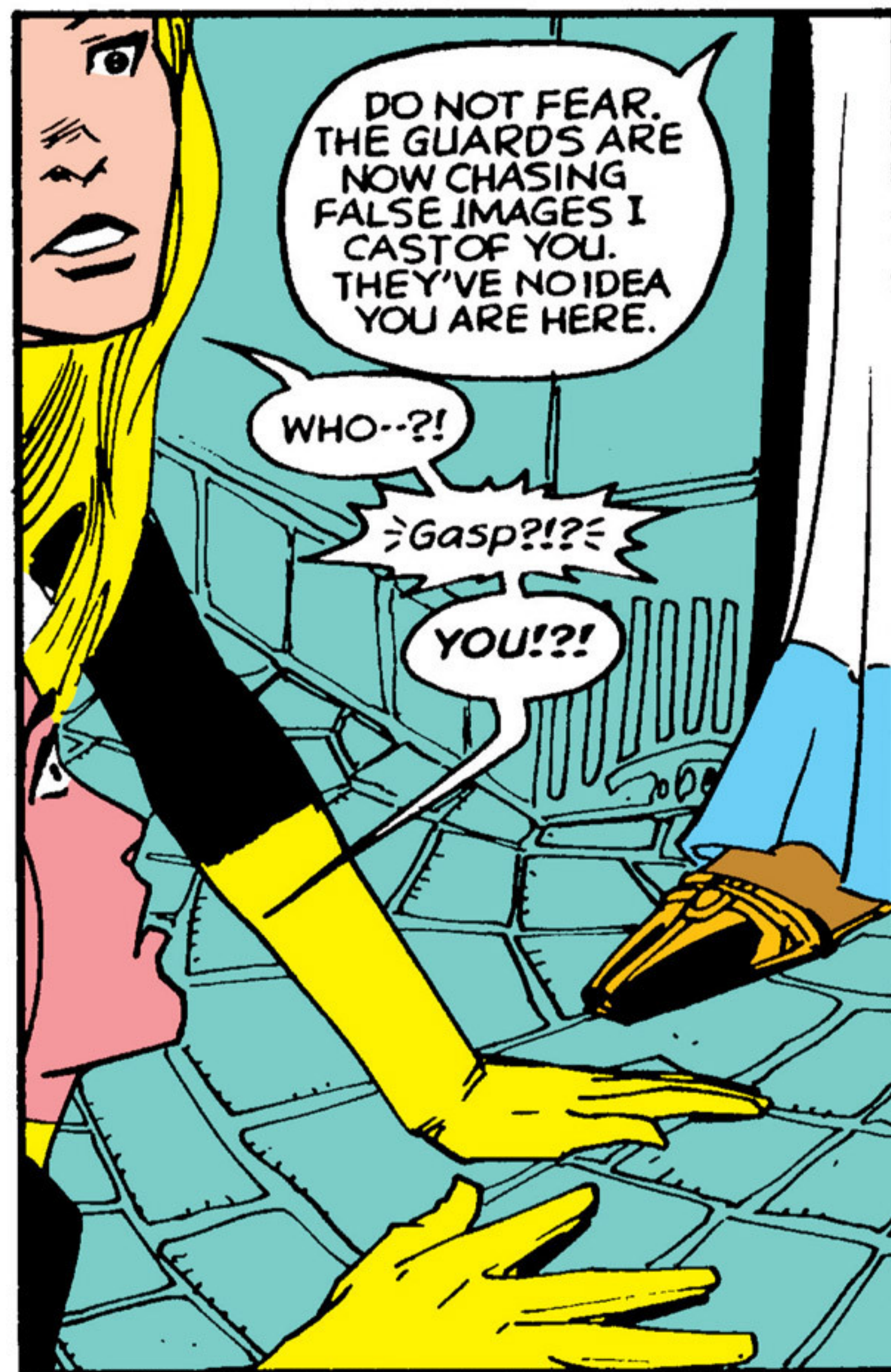
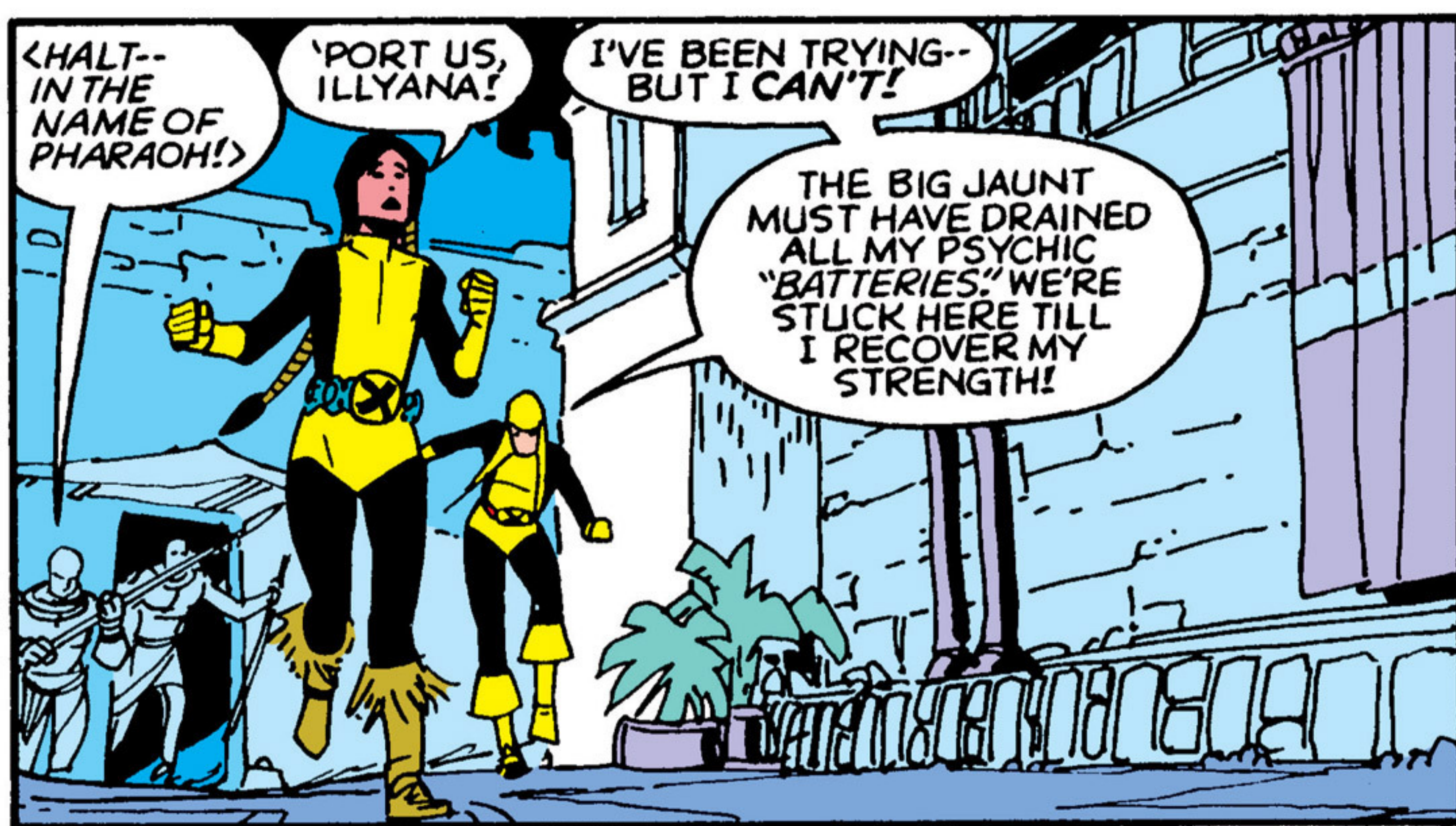
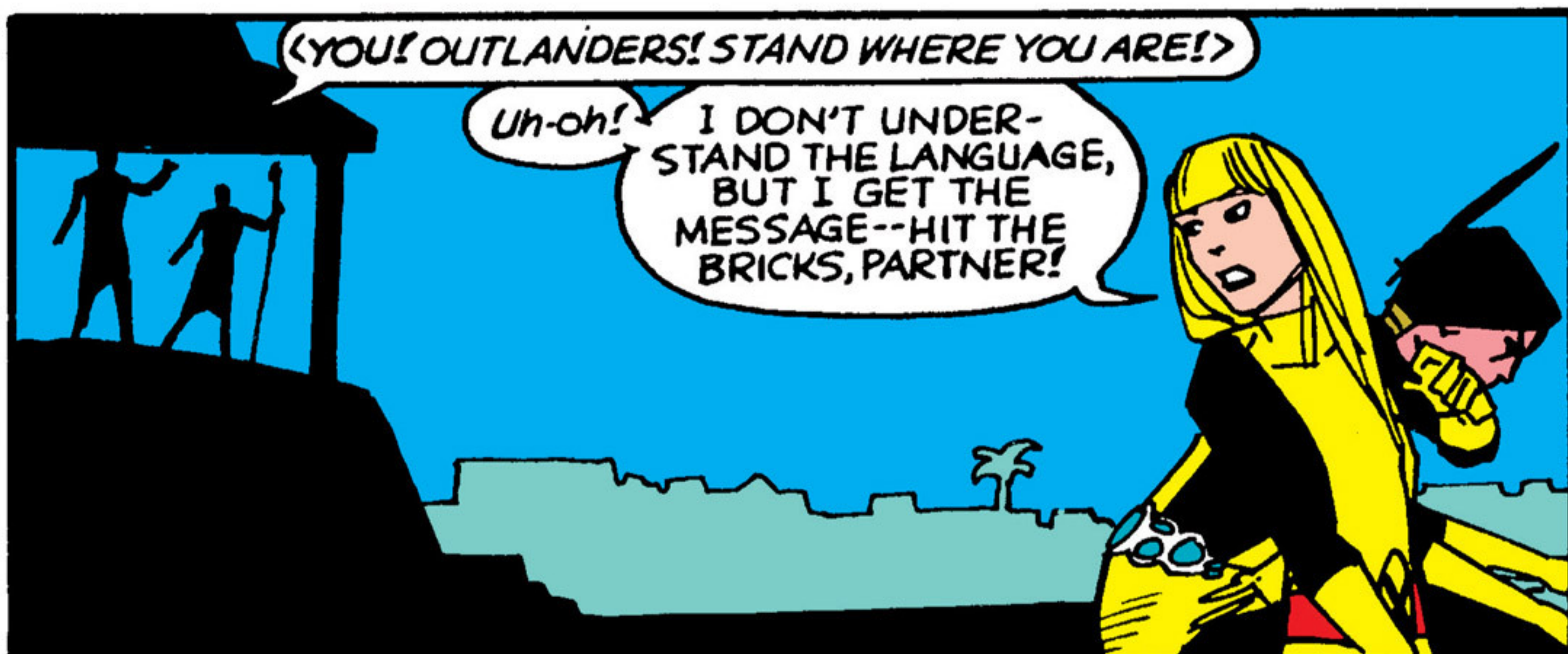
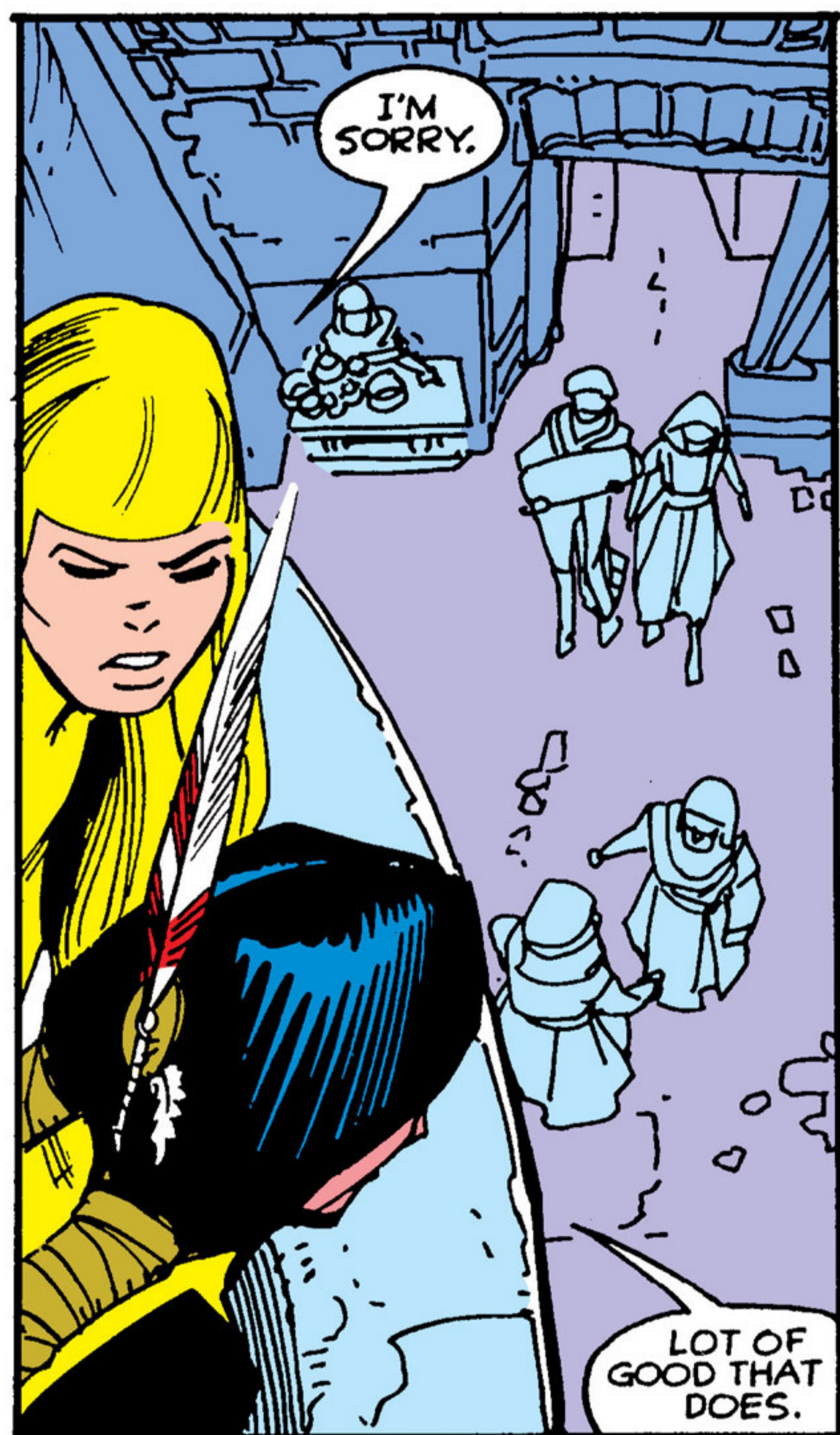
--WE'LL HAVE TO USE YOUR POWER TO GET THERE.

AT LEAST IN CAIRO, WE'LL BE OF SOME USE.

THIS IS CRAZY!

GOT A BETTER IDEA?

NO. BUT WE'RE GOING TO REGRET THIS!





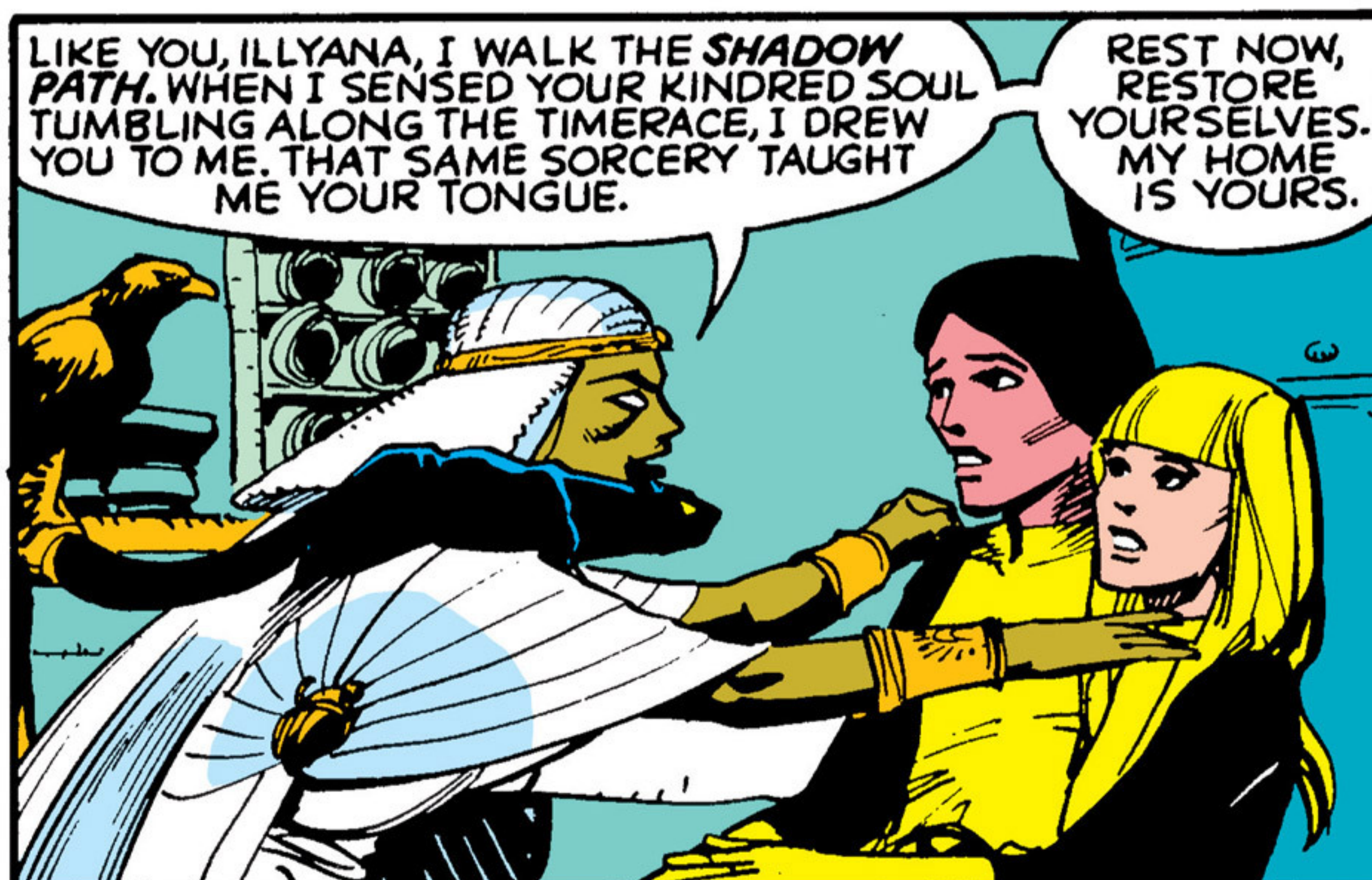
ORORO?!?

NO CHILD.
ASHAKE.

BUT I SEE IN YOUR MEMORIES
THE FACE OF MY GRANDDAUGHTER
MANY TIMES REMOVED. I
AM PLEASED TO LEARN THAT
EVEN IN YOUR FARAWAY ERA...

...THE LINE--
OUR BLOOD--
YET RUNS
TRUE.

IN HER
NAME, I
BID YOU
WELCOME.



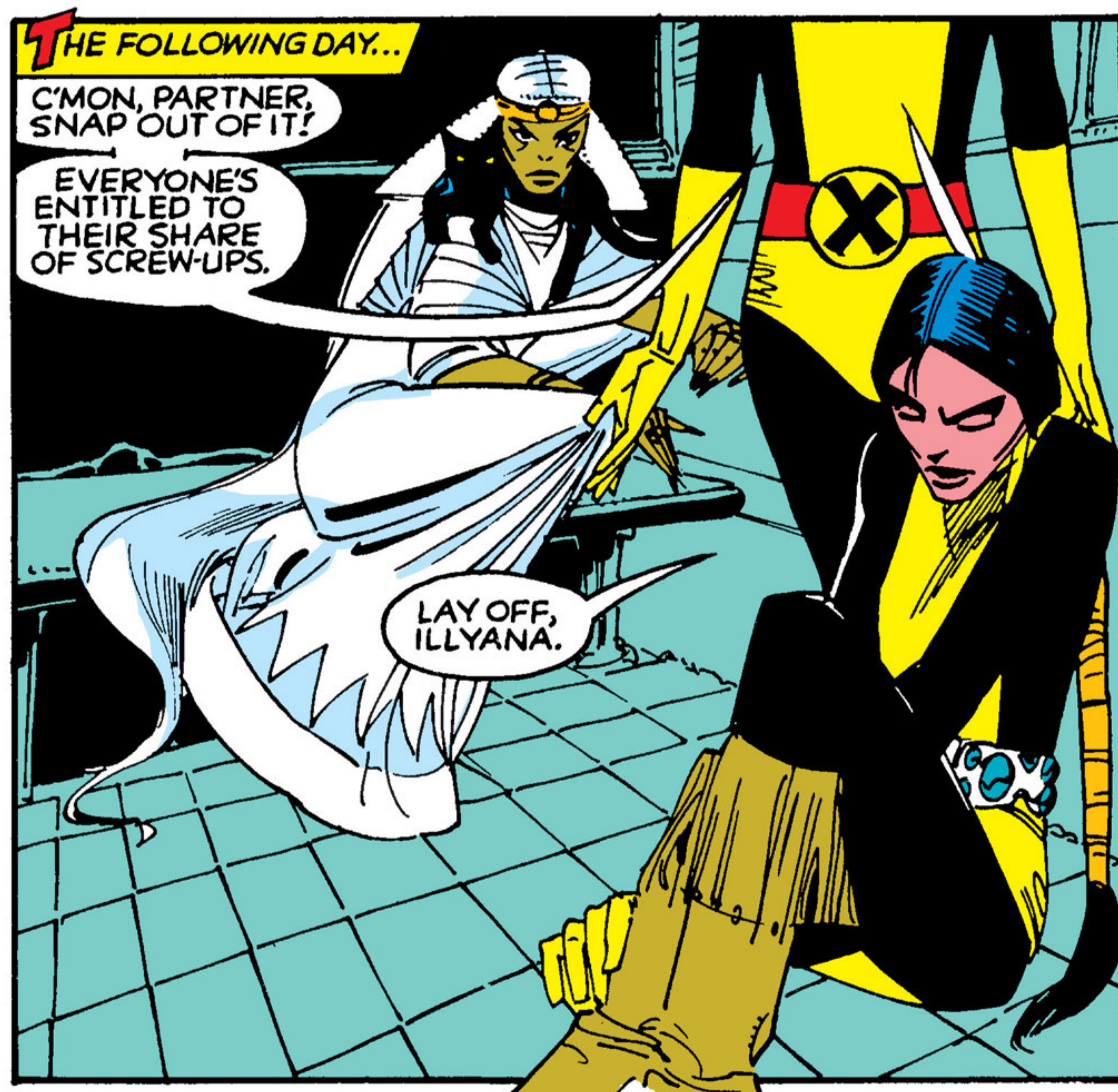
LIKE YOU, ILLYANA, I WALK THE *SHADOW
PATH*. WHEN I SENSED YOUR KINDRED SOUL
TUMBLING ALONG THE TIMERACE, I DREW
YOU TO ME. THAT SAME SORCERY TAUGHT
ME YOUR TONGUE.

REST NOW,
RESTORE
YOURSELVES.
MY HOME
IS YOURS.



WE SHALL
TALK
LATER.

QUESTIONS
ANSWERED
AND WISHES
GRANTED.



THE FOLLOWING DAY...

C'MON, PARTNER,
SNAP OUT OF IT!

EVERYONE'S
ENTITLED TO
THEIR SHARE
OF SCREW-UPS.

LAY OFF,
ILLYANA.



ASHAKE, COULDN'T YOU--?

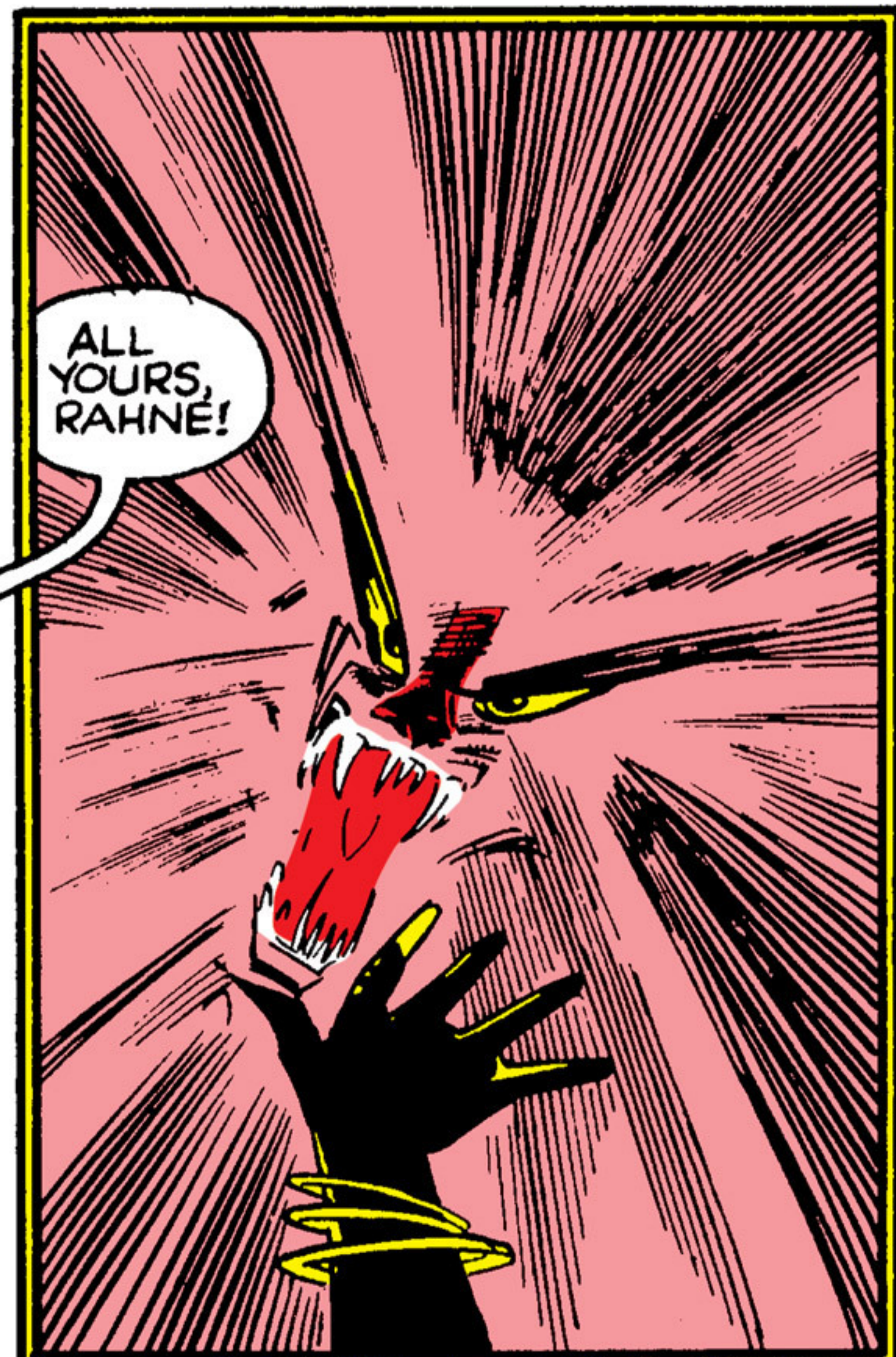
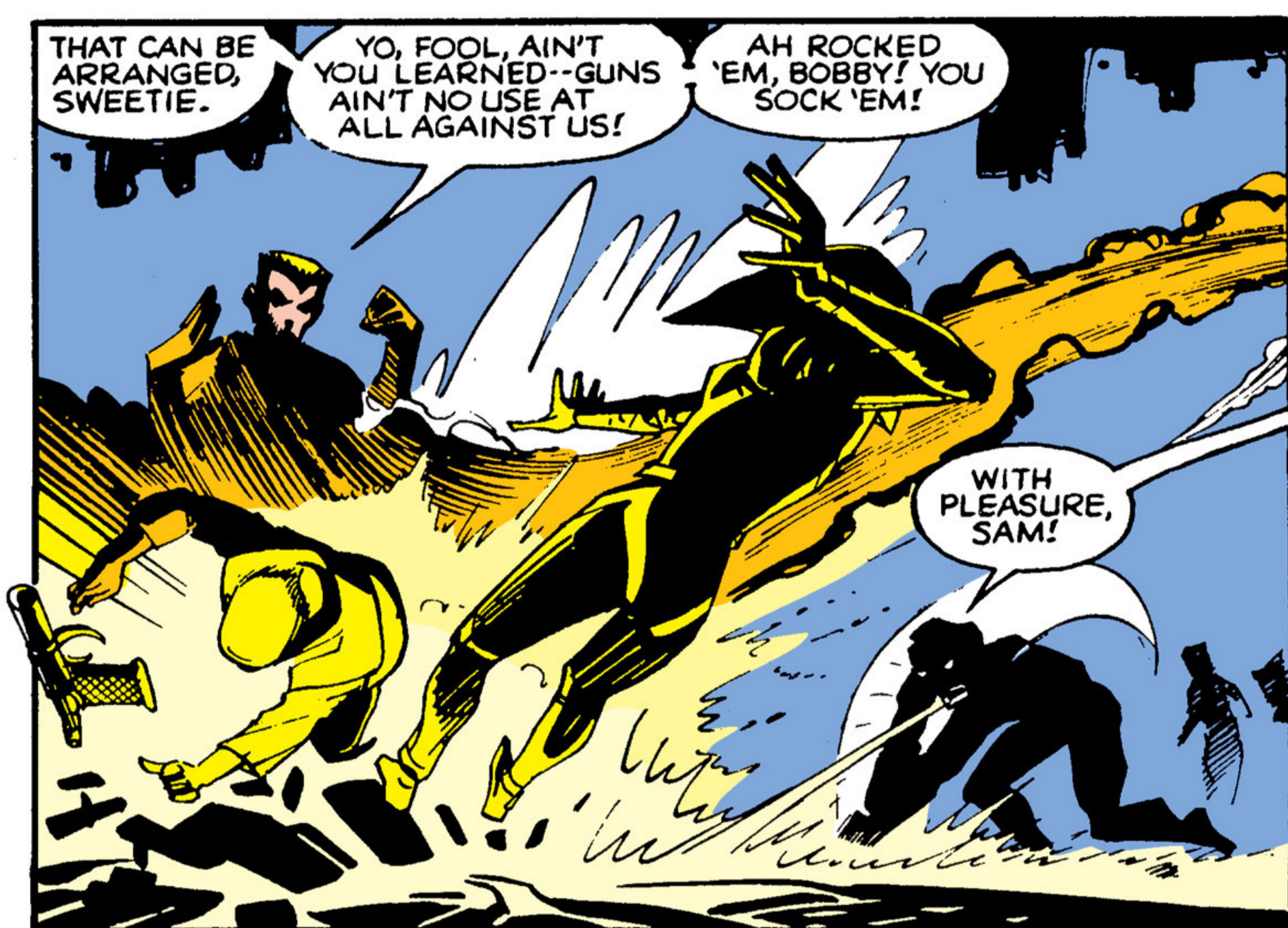
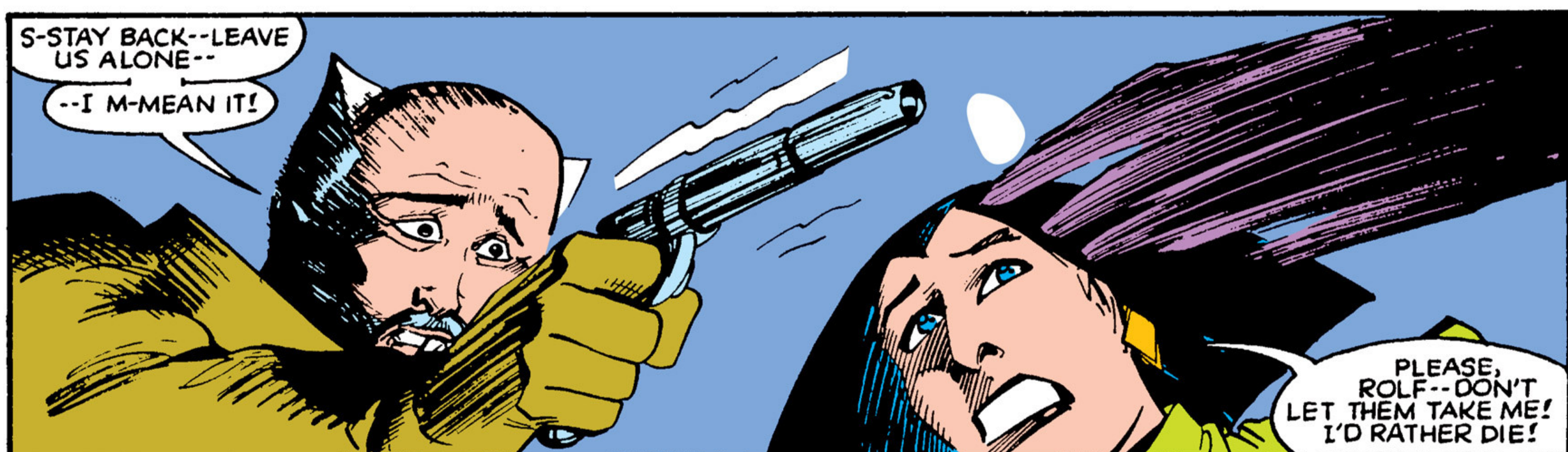
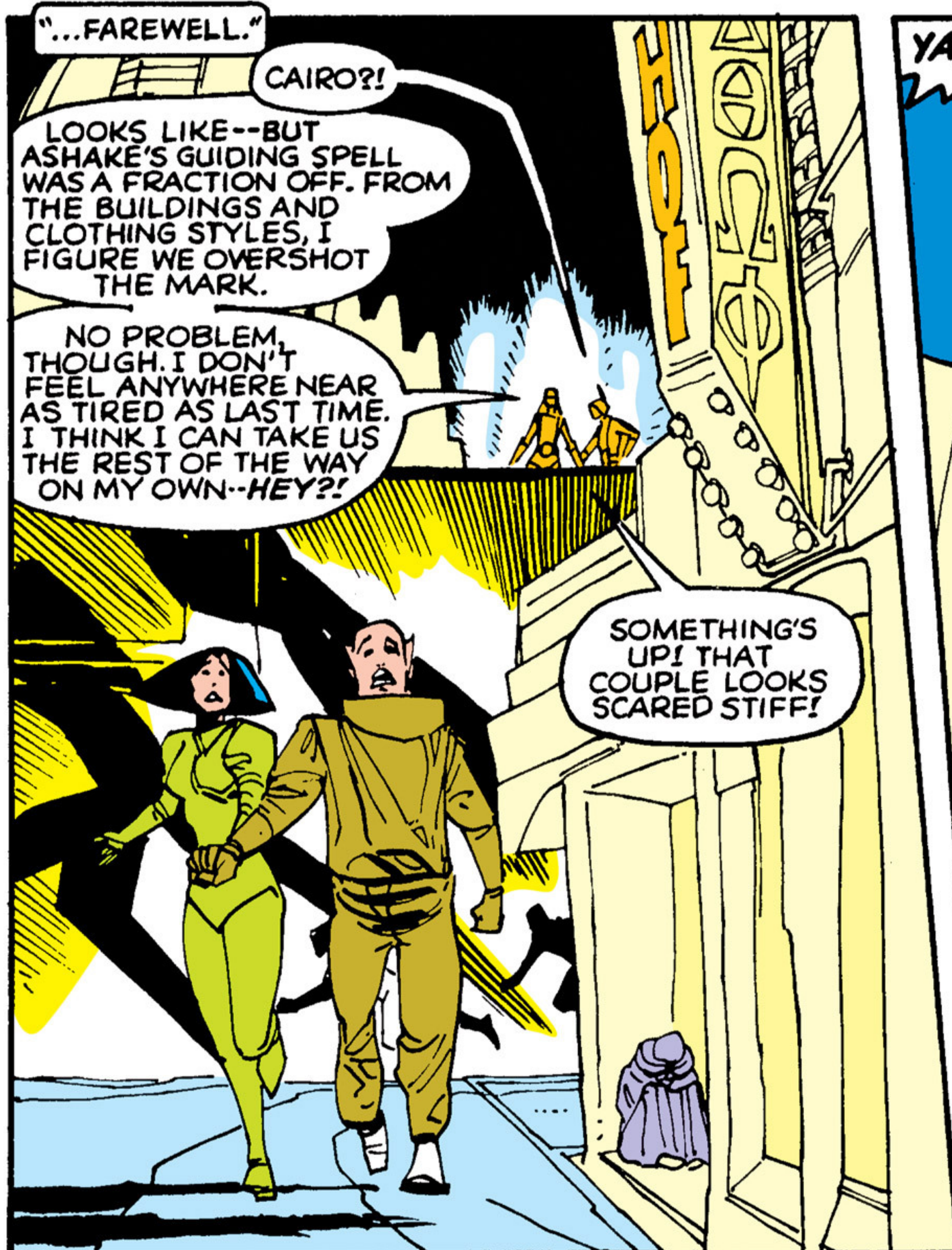
NO. THIS DESPAIR--
AND SELF-RAGE--DANI
MUST OVERCOME
BY HERSELF.

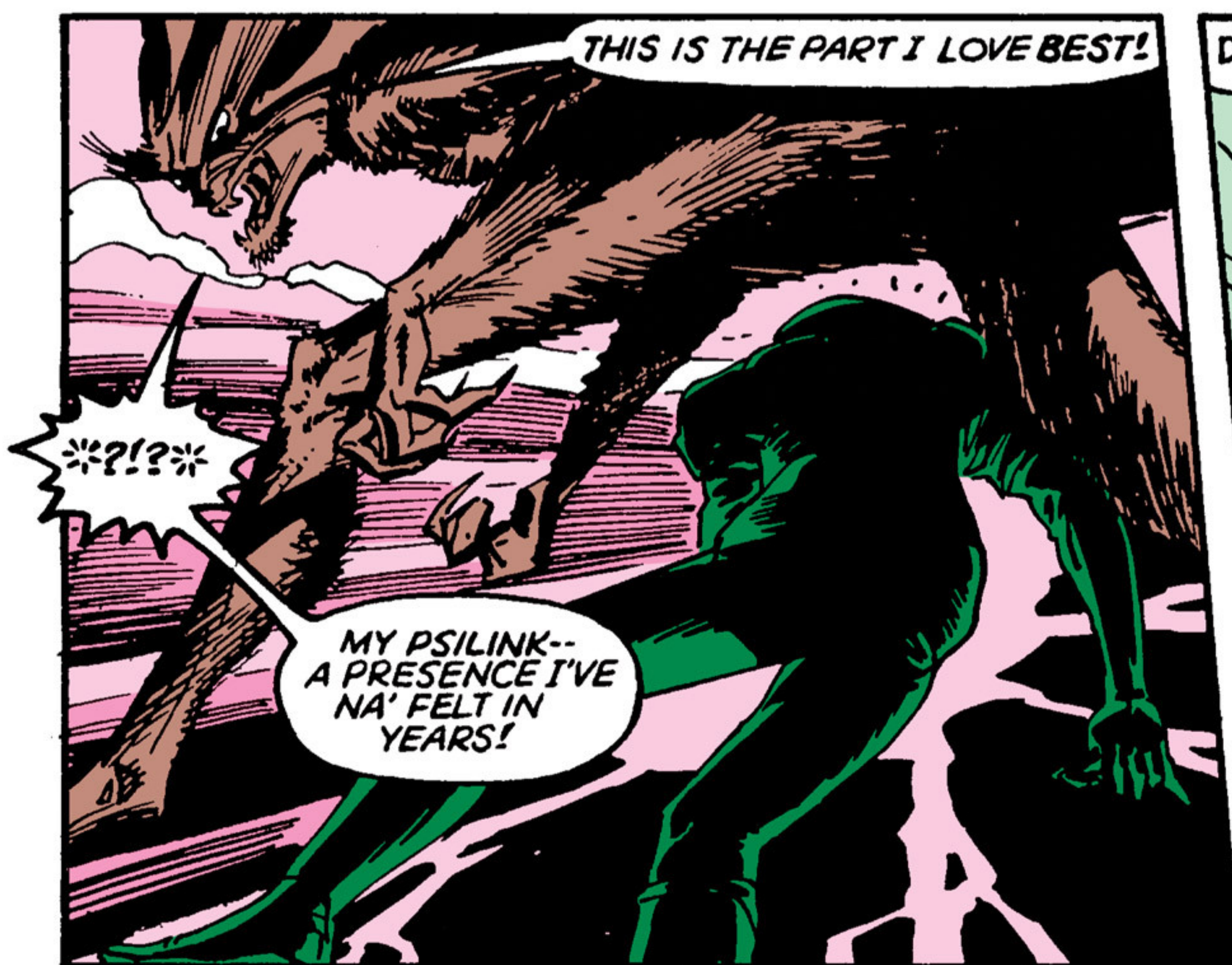
AND IF
SHE
DOESN'T?

I HAVE
ENJOYED...

YOUR
VISIT, YOUNG
FRIENDS.

UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN...

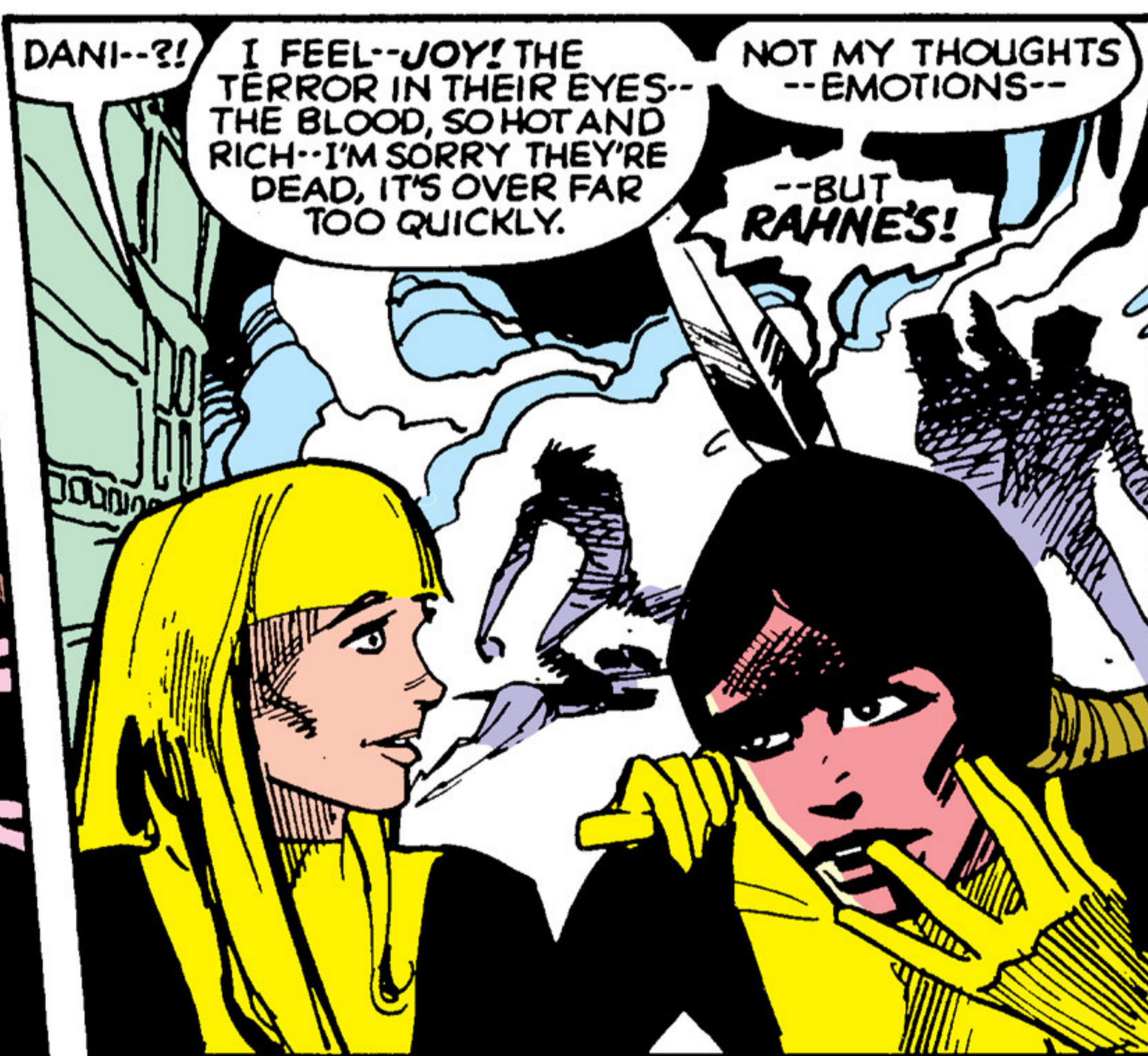




THIS IS THE PART I LOVE BEST!

?!?

MY PSILINK--
A PRESENCE I'VE
NA' FELT IN
YEARS!

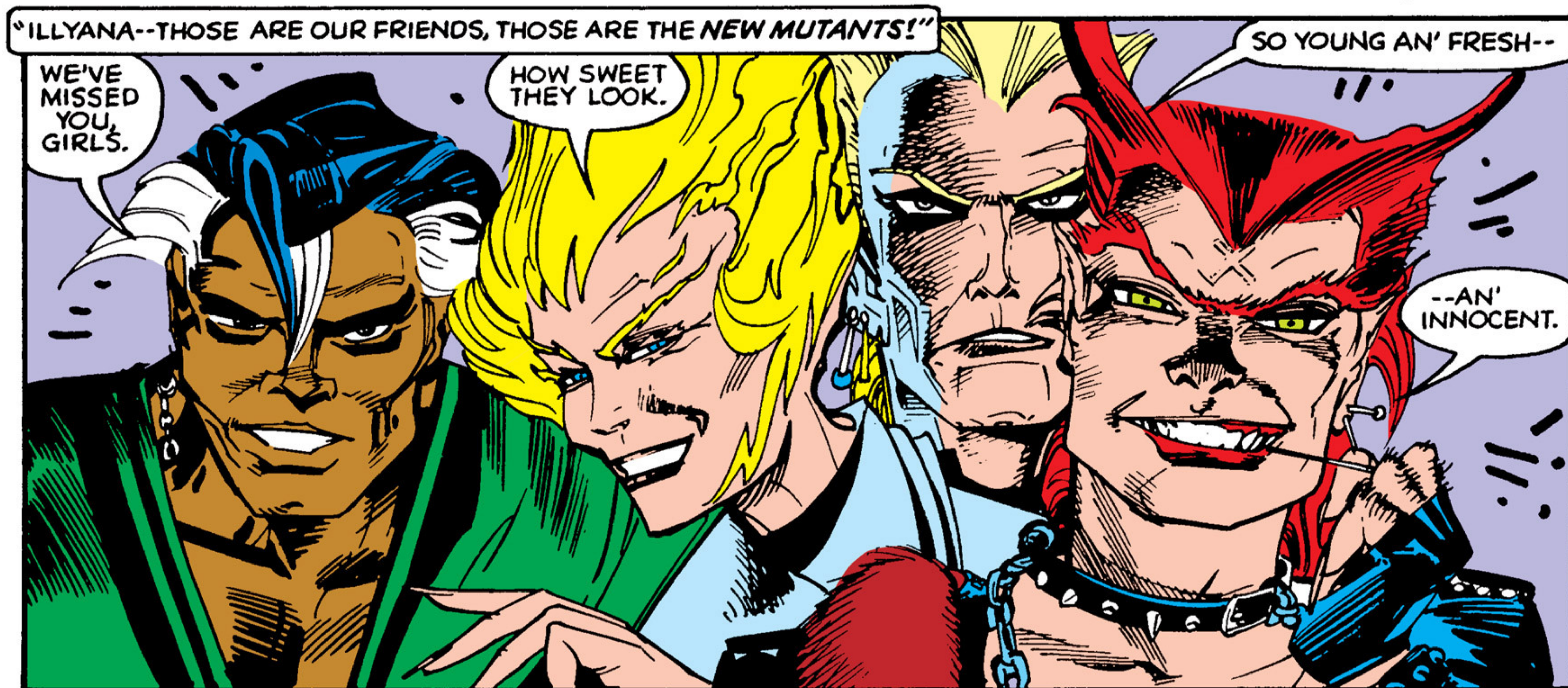


DANI--?!

I FEEL--JOY! THE
TERROR IN THEIR EYES--
THE BLOOD, SO HOT AND
RICH--I'M SORRY THEY'RE
DEAD, IT'S OVER FAR
TOO QUICKLY.

NOT MY THOUGHTS
--EMOTIONS--

--BUT
RAHNE'S!



"ILLYANA--THOSE ARE OUR FRIENDS, THOSE ARE THE **NEW MUTANTS!**"

WE'VE
MISSED
YOU,
GIRLS.

HOW SWEET
THEY LOOK.

SO YOUNG AN' FRESH--

--AN'
INNOCENT.



BUT WE
CAN SOON
CHANGE
THAT...

...ONE WAY OR
ANOTHER.

Y'ALL GOING
TO JOIN US,
CUTIES--

--OR DO WE
SEND YOU TO YOUR
HAPPY HUNTING
GROUNDS?!



NEITHER.

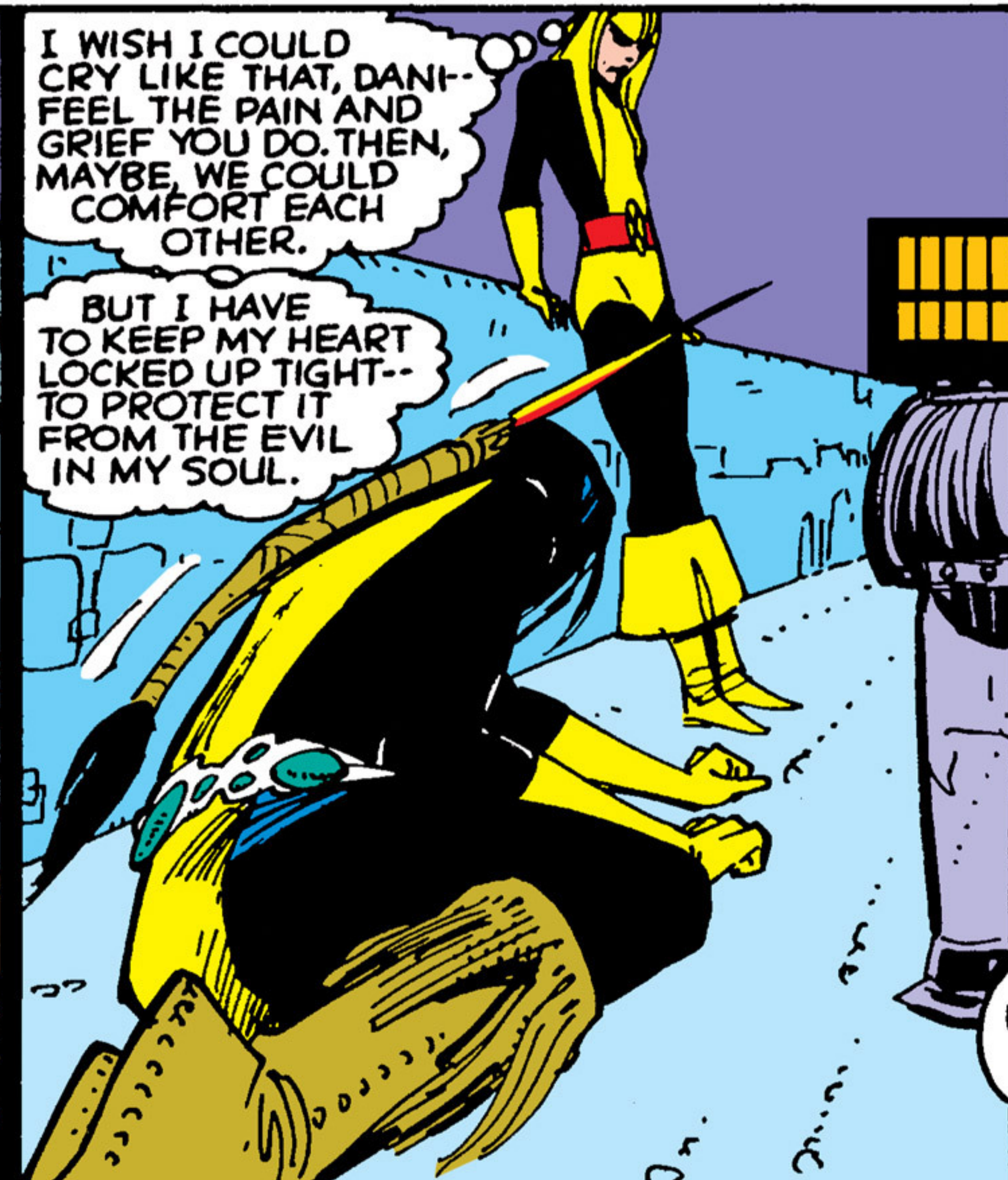


SAME PLACE,
PARTNER.

RIGHT
TIME.

I HOPE.

NO! NO!
NO! NO!
NO! NO!



I WISH I COULD
CRY LIKE THAT, DANI--
FEEL THE PAIN AND
GRIEF YOU DO. THEN,
MAYBE, WE COULD
COMFORT EACH
OTHER.

BUT I HAVE
TO KEEP MY HEART
LOCKED UP TIGHT--
TO PROTECT IT
FROM THE EVIL
IN MY SOUL.



PART OF ME WANTED SO
MUCH TO STAY WITH
THOSE FUTURE MUTANTS.

YOU'RE THE
BOSS, DANI--ANY
MORE BRIGHT
IDEAS?



WHAT DO YOU
WANT FROM ME?!
I TRIED MY BEST, I
DID WHAT I
THOUGHT WAS
RIGHT!

BUT HOW
CAN WE DEFEAT
SUCH A
VILLIAN, SUCH
POWER?!!



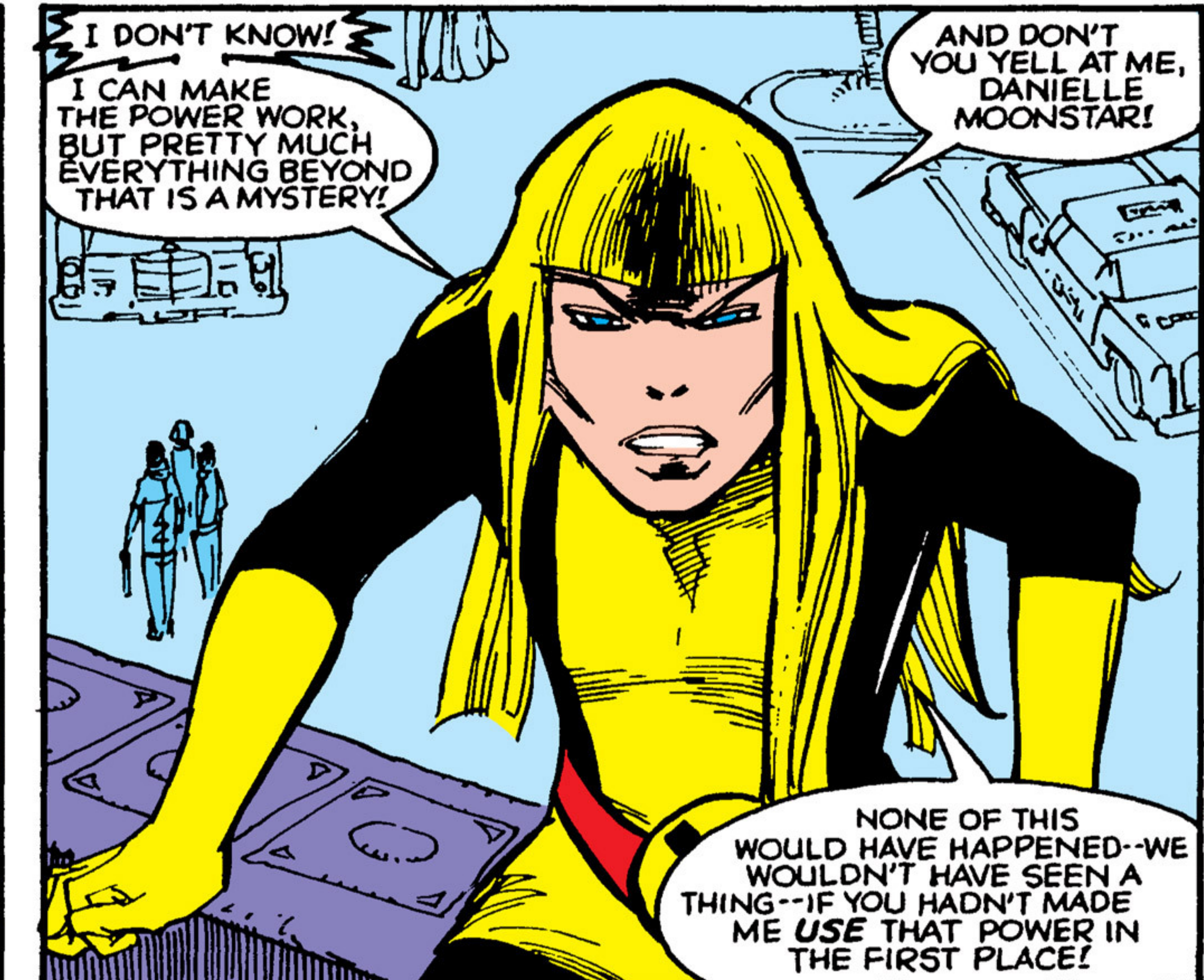
FOR OUR
FRIENDS' SAKE,
WE HAVE TO
FIND A WAY.

WHY BOTHER?!
WHAT'S THE POINT?!
IT'S THE HELLIONS
CAPER ALL OVER
AGAIN--AND
JUST LIKE THEN,
WE DON'T KNOW
IF WHAT WE
SAW IS THE SHAPE
OF THINGS THAT
WILL BE,
OR THAT MIGHT?!



YOU'RE THE SORCERESS,
ILLYANA--YOU'RE THE
TIME TRAVELER--YOU
TELL ME!

CAN WE
CHANGE THE
FUTURE?!



I DON'T KNOW!
I CAN MAKE
THE POWER WORK,
BUT PRETTY MUCH
EVERYTHING BEYOND
THAT IS A MYSTERY!

AND DON'T
YOU YELL AT ME,
DANIELLE
MOONSTAR!

NONE OF THIS
WOULD HAVE HAPPENED--WE
WOULDN'T HAVE SEEN A
THING--IF YOU HADN'T MADE
ME USE THAT POWER IN
THE FIRST PLACE!

AND THEN, IN BLISSFUL IGNORANCE, YOU COULD HAVE ALLOWED YOUR FRIENDS TO PROCEED TO THEIR DOOM.

ASHAKE?!

YOUR PRECIOUS CONSCIENCES WOULD HAVE REMAINED CLEAR--IS THAT WHAT YOU WANT?

ORORO!

BUT HOW--?!

WARLOCK FOUND ME--EVIDENTLY, BEING ALIEN, HE IS IMMUNE TO KARMA'S TALENT.

UNLIKE THE OTHERS, HE WAS NOT ENSLAVED. HE FOLLOWED THEM HERE.

AND WHEN HIS SENSORS DETECTED YOUR ARRIVAL...

...HE LED ME TO YOU.

IF YOU WISH TO DEPART, I SHALL NEITHER STOP, NOR CONDEMN YOU.

I KNOW SOMETHING OF YOUR FOE.

THE CREATURE IS A MATCH FOR THE BEST OF HEROES, FAR DEADLIER THAN YOU COULD EVER BE.

BUT YOU'LL STAY AND FIGHT ANYWAY?

YES.

THEN SO WILL WE.

RIGHT, PARTNER?

RIGHT, PARTNER.

NEXT:
AGAINST ALL ODDS!